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AAH! THIS IS MAKING ME MAD!
Dear Readers,
This is a tale
of a little girl
IT WON'T BUDGE AT ALL!
STUCK
CRUSH
and three young men.
neigh
And so the story begins...
neigh

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DESERT ANGEL

"Kouya no Tenshidomo"

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STOP COMPLAINING! YOU'VE BEEN AT IT FOR HOURS!
JUST LOOK AT YOURSELF, JOEL! YOU FIGHT LIKE A DAMN GIRL! BAH!
INSTEAD OF PAYING UP, HE FLIPPED THE TABLE OVER AND POINTED HIS GUN AT US
BUT WHY'D YOU PLAY HIM?
BAH! YOU'RE A POOR JUDGE OF CHARACTER
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT POKER, CARD
YOU BLEW THAT GUY AWAY
SO, WHAT'S IT TO YA?
OF COURSE! THEY WERE ABOUT TO SHOOT YOU DOWN!
WHAT IF DOUG WASN'T THERE?
NEXT TIME, DON'T YOU DARE STOP ME!
YOU WERE ABOUT TO RUN OFF, WEREN'T YOU?
STOP IT, YOU TWO

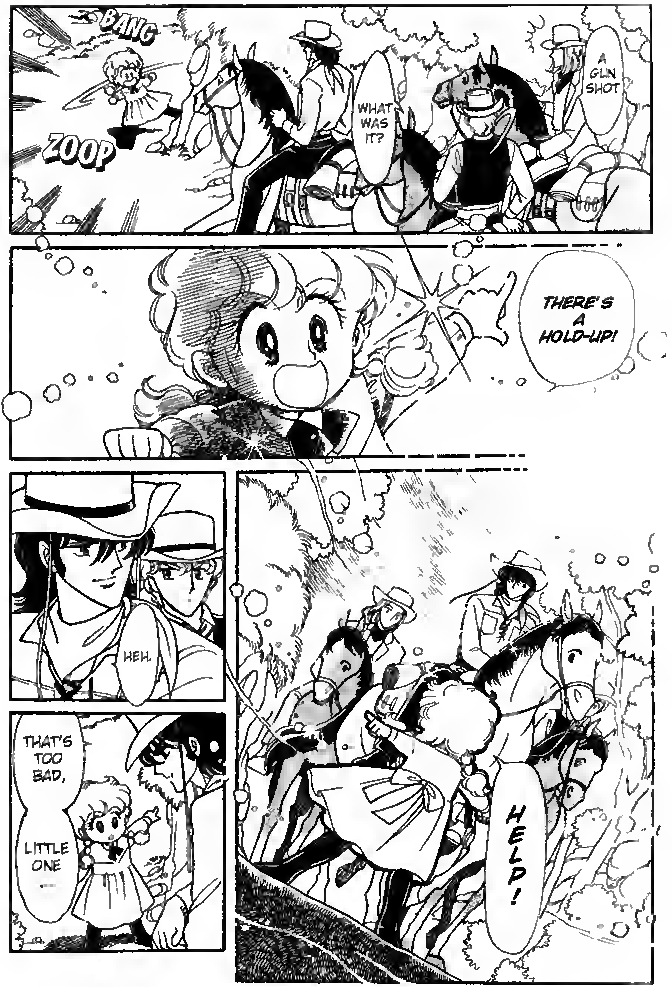
DOUGLAS
BUT...
That time...
DON'T EVEN TRY IT
HE HE...
GIVE IT UP, BOY'S
CLICK
snap
CARD
SCREECH!
DAMN YOU!! CHEATER!
BANG BANG
SHOOSH

BUDDY, LET'S BE FAIR
TELL YOUR MEN TO HAND OVER THE MONEY
.....
GRAB
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS, IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR BOSS TO GET HURT!
UGH!
PREPARE THE HORSES!
O..OK!
.....
PAY 'EM
.....
.....
THANKS, I'M ALSO IMPRESSED..
BY YOUR SPARKLING SCALP
HOW DARE YOU TREAT ME LIKE THIS... I'M IMPRESSED
YOU'VE GOT GUTS KID..

SWING
BAM
UGH
OK!
DOUG
I DON'T LIKE YOUR COMPLI-MENTS
AND YOUR BIG, WIDE BODY...
JUST LIKE A BARREL
SHUT UP
GOOD BYE
DARTS
BRY.
CREAK
HOLD IT! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
CRASH
UMPH
AAH
POW
YOUR BIG, WIDE BODY IS BLOCKING THE DOOR!

RIGHT. THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN
sigh.
shirp
WHAT'S IN THIS POUCH IS EVEN MORE DISAP-POINTING
YOU'RE STILL CARRYING THAT?!
CLIP CLOP
CLIP- CLOP
THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
GRAB THE GUNS!!
UGH. HEAVY!
HURRY, GET OFF OF ME!
OUCH! DON'T STEP ON ME!
NOT MEDI-CATION
WE NEED MONEY.
NOT ANY-MORE
I SAID, STOP FIGHT-ING!
SO IT'S MY FAULT NOW?!
YES!! YOURS!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU PICKED A GUY LIKE THAT!
I WAS SCARED!
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
YOU CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MONEY POUCH AND A PILL POUCH?
WHAT ARE YOU? STUPID?

A WALLET
WOW! THERE'S MORE MONEY IN HERE THAN WHAT I WOULD'VE GOTTEN FROM THAT POKER GAME
HERE!
I SNATCHED IT FROM OLD BALDY
PICK-POCKETING IS MY SPECIALTY
DOUG, YOU'RE GREAT!
WONDERFUL!
BANG
step step step
I HEAR SOMETHING ...

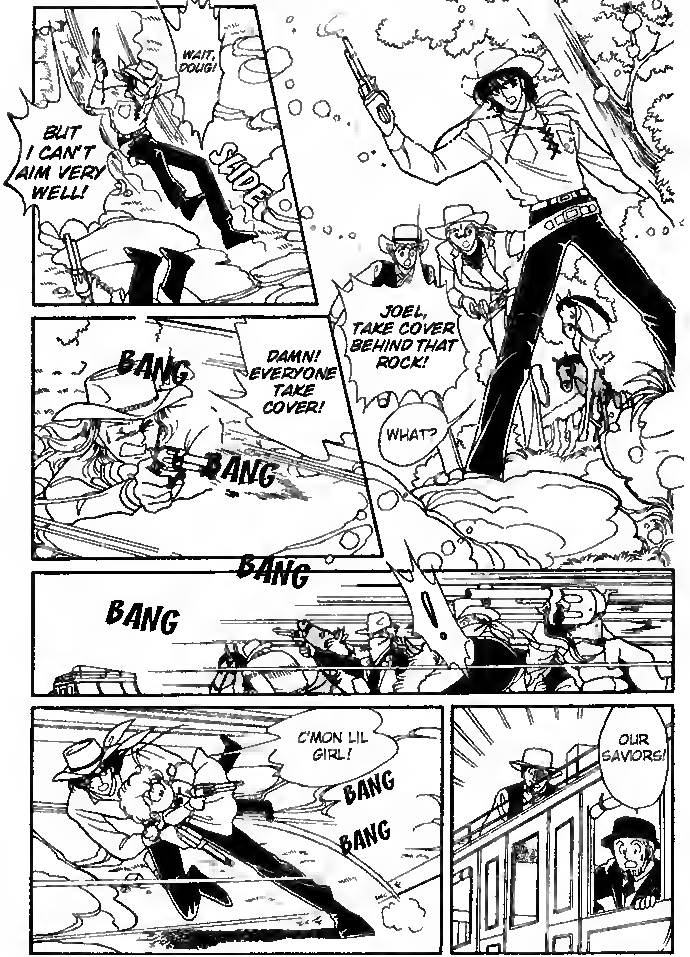

BANG
ZOOP
WHAT WAS IT?
A GUN SHOT
THERE'S A HOLD-UP!
HEH.
THAT'S TOO BAD, LITTLE ONE...
HELP!

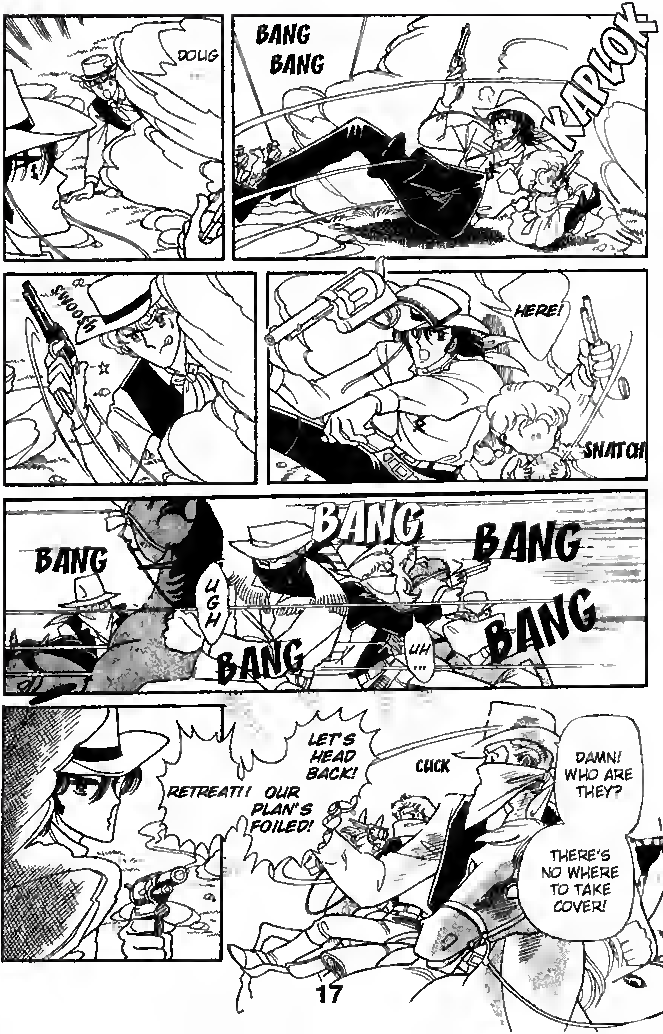
BUT, THAT'S NONE OF OUR BUSINESS
RIGHT?
YEAH, THERE'S NO POINT IN PUTTING OURSELVES IN DANGER
WHY SHOULD WE HELP THEM?
.....
UH.. THAT'S TRUE..
BRRRR
LET'S HEAD BACK! SORRY TO HAVE WASTED YOUR TIME, LITTLE GIRL
.....
LOSERS!

swoosh
BUNCH OF CHICKENS!
UGLY!
IDIOTS!
COWARDS!
WUSS!
AAH, CARD!
shirp
SWOOSH!
I'LL SHOOT YOU!
silence
GRAAASS!
UWAAHH
CARD
ABOVE YOU!!
ZOOP
HATT.

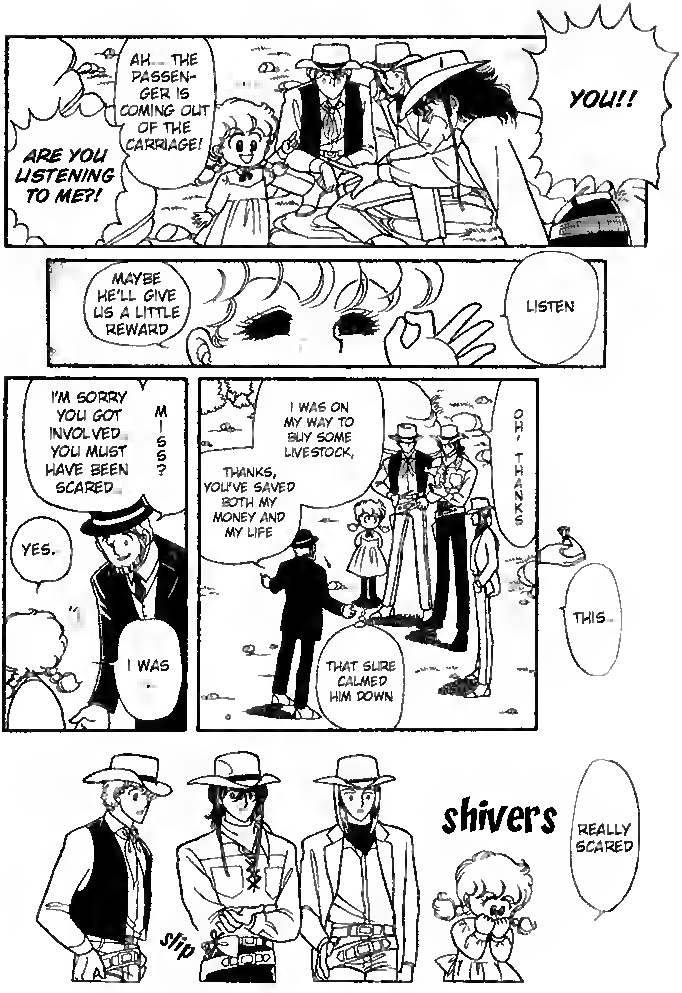
IS THAT LITTLE GIRL GOING TO...
BANG
CRUNK CLUNK CRUNK
MY GUN! SHE TOOK MY GUN!
THUMP
TAP TAP TAP
WHAT?
YAAH
THIS IS BAD.. THEY'RE CATCHING UP, MR. SMITH
BANG BANG
CLUNK CRUNK CLUNK CRUNK
I WANT TO CRY
CLUNK CRUNK
AND THEY'VE BEEN HOLLERING, "KILL 'EM ALL"
MY BODY-GUARD IS DEAD
WE DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS

CLUNK
CRUNK
YEAH, STOP THE CAR-RIAGE!!
STOP!
SCRUMBLE
BANG
UGH
ARGH
BAAAANG
BANG
HWAAA
KERPUUK
SWOOSH


WAIT, DOUG!
BUT I CAN'T AIM VERY WELL!
SADLY
JOEL, TAKE COVER BEHIND THAT ROCK!
WHAT?
DAMN! EVERYONE TAKE COVER!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
C'MON LIL GIRL!
BANG
BANG
OUR SAVIORS!

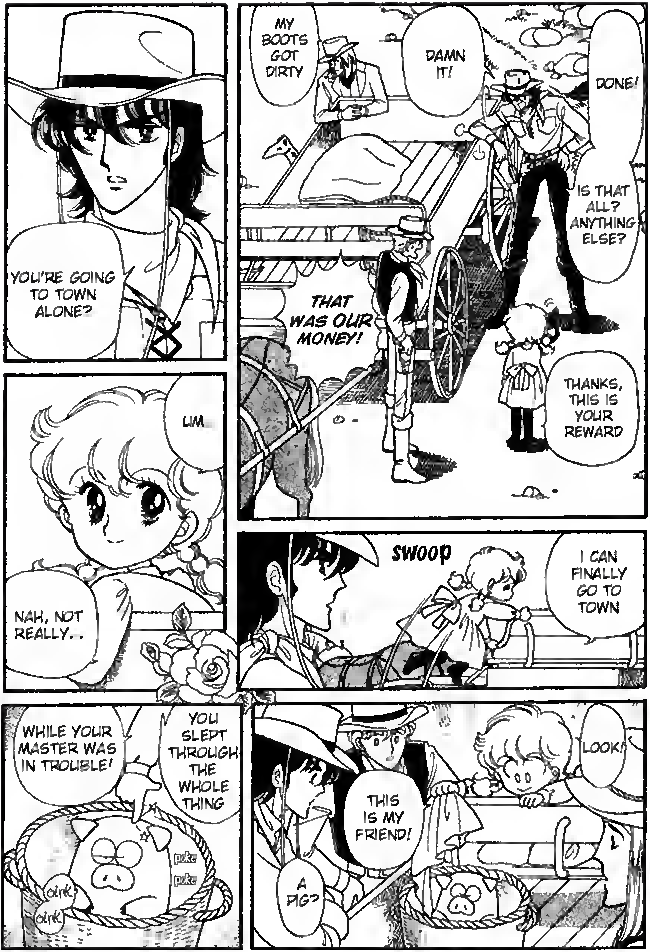

DOUG
BANG BANG
KARLOK
WHOOMP
HERE!
SNATCH
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
UGH
UH ...
DAMN! WHO ARE THEY?
CUCK
LET'S HEAD BACK!
RETREAT!! OUR PLAN'S FOILED!
THERE'S NO WHERE TO TAKE COVER!

YOU KNEW THAT THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, DIDN'T YOU!?
YOU GOT US INTO THIS!
STOP CLAPPING, SHRIMP!
YAY! THEY RAN AWAY!
clap clap clap
clip clop
clip clop
clip clop
I KNEW YOU'D HELP
YEAH
YOU MIGHT'VE SAID NO
BUT DEEP DOWN, YOU REALLY WANTED TO HELP...
YOU DID THAT INTEN-TIONALLY?
Y... YOU ...
pat pat
I'M GOOD
YEP!
MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT
AH
AH
A


AH... THE PASSENGER IS COMING OUT OF THE CARRIAGE!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
YOU!!
MAYBE HE'LL GIVE US A LITTLE REWARD
LISTEN
I'M SORRY YOU GOT INVOLVED. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED.
M-I-S-S?
YES.
I WAS
I WAS ON MY WAY TO BUY SOME LIVESTOCK,
THANKS, YOU'VE SAVED BOTH MY MONEY AND MY LIFE
OH, THANKS
THIS.
THAT SLURE CALMED HIM DOWN
slip
shivers
REALLY SCARED

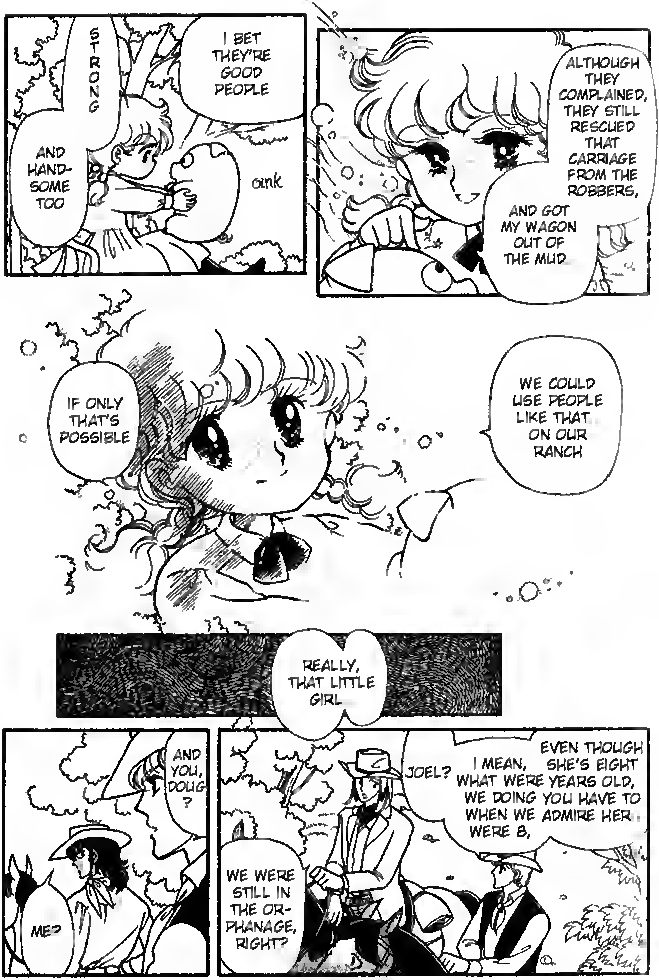
UMM . MY WAGON IS STUCK IN THE MUD AND I CAN'T GET IT OUT BY MYSELF
WILL YOU GUYS HELP ME?
AL-RIGHT
WE BETTER GET GOING, THERE'S NO NEED TO STAY HERE ANY LONGER
WAIT!
OK
CLUNK
CRUNK
CLUNK
THAT'S RIGHT!
AND I'M CERTAIN ABOUT THAT! SOLVE YOUR OWN PROBLEMS
NO
G'BYE, LITTLE GIRL!
HMM

HUH?!
YOU LEFT THIS...
HEY...
WHAT?!
THE WALLET WE TOOK!
DOUG, THAT'S
tap tap tap
YOU LITTLE BRAT!!!
CYMERE CYMERE
CRUNK BLUNK
SCREAK


YOU'RE GOING TO TOWN ALONE?
MY BOOTS GOT DIRTY
DAMN IT!
DONE!
IS THAT ALL? ANYTHING ELSE?
THAT WAS OUR MONEY!
THANKS, THIS IS YOUR REWARD
LIM
NAH, NOT REALLY..
SWOOP
I CAN FINALLY GO TO TOWN
WHILE YOUR MASTER WAS IN TROUBLE!
YOU SLEPT THROUGH THE WHOLE THING
oink
oink
oink
A PIG?
THIS IS MY FRIEND!
LOOK!

YOU HAVE A STRANGE PET...
oink?
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HELPED ME OUT. C'MON, GREET THEM!
YOU MUST BE KIDDING!
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
YOU GUYS ARE ALSO GOING TO TOWN, RIGHT? LET'S GO TOGETHER!
SO DON'T GO AGAINST THEM
YOU'RE ALL STILL YOUNG, THEY MIGHT PICK ON YOU... I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO BACK OFF.
tap tap tap
THERE'S A LOT OF BAD PEOPLE THERE
JUST BE CAREFUL WHILE YOU'RE IN TOWN, OKAY?
LISTEN KID, WE'RE ALL SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD!
WE'RE PRACTICALLY ADULTS!
THIS LITTLE GIRL'S GIVING US ADVICE
THERE'S A LOT OF POWER BACKING THEM UP

THEN I'LL RUN AWAY
MY NAME'S MIRIAM, NOT KID.
MIRIAM TODD
I'M EIGHT YEARS OLD
WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS THE SAME DIRECTION, AREN'T WE? WE MAY MEET AGAIN
WELL, GOOD BYE MIRIAM
I HOPE WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN
he he he
smile
oink
I WONDER HOW THEY LIVED
THEY ALL LOOKED SO RUGGED
17 YEARS OLD


I BET THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE
STRONG
AND HANDSOME TOO
oink
ALTHOUGH THEY COMPLAINED, THEY STILL RESCUED THAT CARRIAGE FROM THE ROBBERS,
AND GOT MY WAGON OUT OF THE MUD
WE COULD USE PEOPLE LIKE THAT ON OUR RANCH
IF ONLY THAT'S POSSIBLE
REALLY, THAT LITTLE GIRL
AND YOU, DOUG?
ME?
JOEL?
I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S EIGHT WHAT WERE YEARS OLD, WE DOING YOU HAVE TO WHEN WE ADMIRE HER WERE B,
WE WERE STILL IN THE ORPHANAGE, RIGHT?

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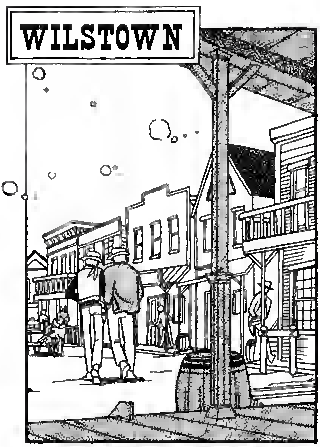
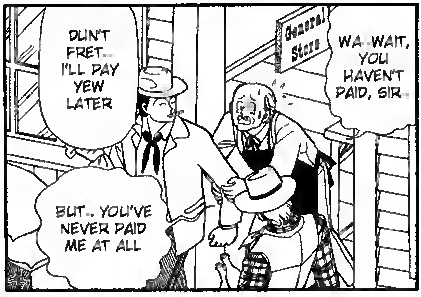
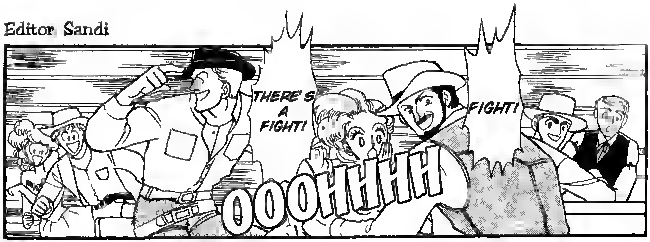
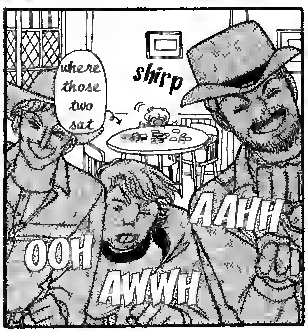




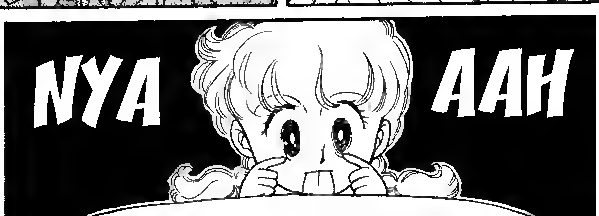
DON'T BE SHY! TAKE AS MUCH AS YEW WANT, I HAFF MORE!
HA HA HA HA
DIS ISH DEE BEST SHEEGAR!
HA HA HA HA
C'MON, HAFF SHEM MORE DRINKS!
YEW WANT TO PLAY CARDS AGAIN?
PLACE YER BET!
.....
ACE..
HA HA HA HA
UHA HA HA
HA HA HA
DAMMIT.. STEWPID GAME
chug
AH HA HA
hic
I WON AGAIN!

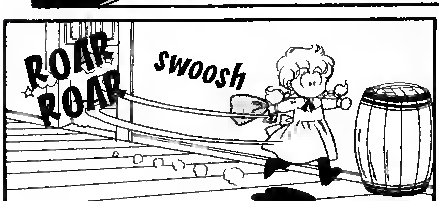
KICK
WHA..
WHAT'D YEW MEAN?
hic
YEW KICKED ME?
hic
HEY ...
KICK
YEW KICKED ME!
hic
.....
YEW MUST'VE BEEN CHEATIN' THE WHOLE TIME!
CRRRRRK
YER FUMIN' 'CAUSE YEW LOST TO ME!
hic


THERE'S A FIGHT!
FIGHT!
OOOHHHH

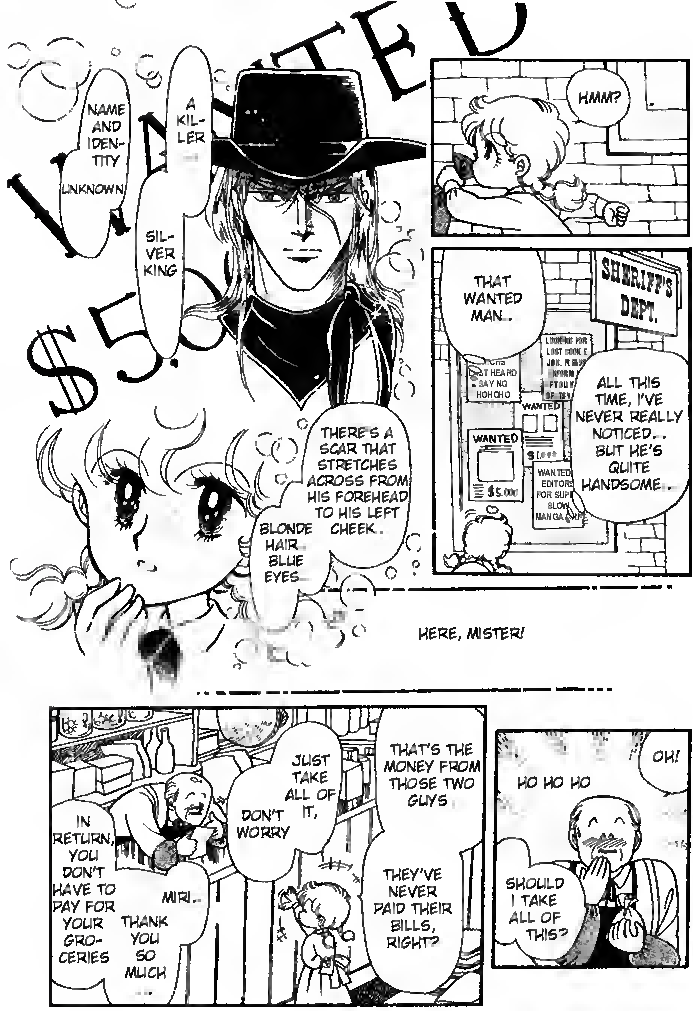

where those two sat
shi'p
AAHH
OOH
AWWH

POW
CRASH


NYA
AAH


ROAR ROAR
swoosh

sweep


WANTED
$5,000
A KILLER
SILVER KING
NAME AND IDENTITY UNKNOWN
THERE'S A SCAR THAT STRETCHES ACROSS FROM HIS FOREHEAD TO HIS LEFT CHEEK..
BLONDE HAIR.. BLUE EYES..
HMM?
THAT WANTED MAN..
SHERIFF'S DEPT.
WANTED
$5,000
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE NEVER REALLY NOTICED.. BUT HE'S QUITE HANDSOME..
HERE, MISTER!
THAT'S THE MONEY FROM THOSE TWO GUYS
JUST TAKE ALL OF IT, DON'T WORRY
MIRI..
IN RETURN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR GROCERIES
THANK YOU SO MUCH
THEY'VE NEVER PAID THEIR BILLS, RIGHT?
OH!
HO HO HO
SHOULD I TAKE ALL OF THIS?

WHY ISN'T SHE WITH YOU TODAY?
HOW'S GRACE?
THANK YOU!
EH? IS THAT ALRIGHT?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT GRACE. THERE'S A LOT OF BAD PEOPLE IN TOWN. BESIDES, THAT HANDBAG IS ALWAYS AFTER HER
WHY?
NO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS
I DIDN'T WANT HER TO COME
SO I TOLD HER TO STAY HOME
I CAN GET IN TROUBLE FOR SAYING THAT.
AND THAT OLD-BAG..
WELL, I'M NOT SURPRISED GRACE IS A REAL BEAUTY
OOPS
MIRI.. IT'S HARNBAG, NOT HANDBAG
BUT IF IT'S DANGEROUS, AND YOU ARE ALONE ...
sighs
THERE WAS ONCE A MAN WHO DIED, BECAUSE HE SAID SOME BAD THINGS ABOUT MR. HARNBAG ...
THE SHERIFF SAID IT WAS A SUICIDE, BUT..
NEVERMIND, YOU'RE REALLY A GREAT KID

THIS TOWN USED TO BE PEACEFUL ...
BUT SINCE HARNBAG CAME AND BOUGHT THE BIGGEST RANCH IN THE AREA,
THIS TOWN HAS GOTTEN BIGGER
STRANGE PEOPLE STARTED SHOWING UP...
AND CRIMES STARTED HAPPENING EVERYWHERE.. NO ONE KNEW WHO THE CULPRITS WERE..
BUT ACCORDING TO THE VICTIMS, THEY SAY THAT IT WAS HARNBAG'S MEN
WHAT'S EVEN MORE SURPRISING IS THAT HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.. HE JUST LAUGHED..
THE SHERIFF IS ON HIS PAYROLL, SO THE TOWN CAN'T RELY ON HIM..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BECOMING OF OUR HOME
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING
MAYBE..
FOR GRACE

WE NEED TO GET MORE AQUAINTED WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF WILSTOWN
RIGHT? I BELIEVE THAT IT'S A GOOD TOWN FOR PEOPLE LIKE US..
MY OLD FRIEND, SAD HARNBAG, LIVES THERE
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S MAKING IT BIG THERE
WOAH
BY THE WAY, I WONDER WHERE THOSE THREE BOYS DISAPPEARED TO..
WE SEARCHED EVERY-WHERE
GULP
YOU IDIOT! WHY'D YOU SAY THAT? HE'LL GET MAD AGAIN!
BOYS
THEY
STILL SO YOUNG ...
TOOK MY MONEY,
MADE ME MAD,
AND AND

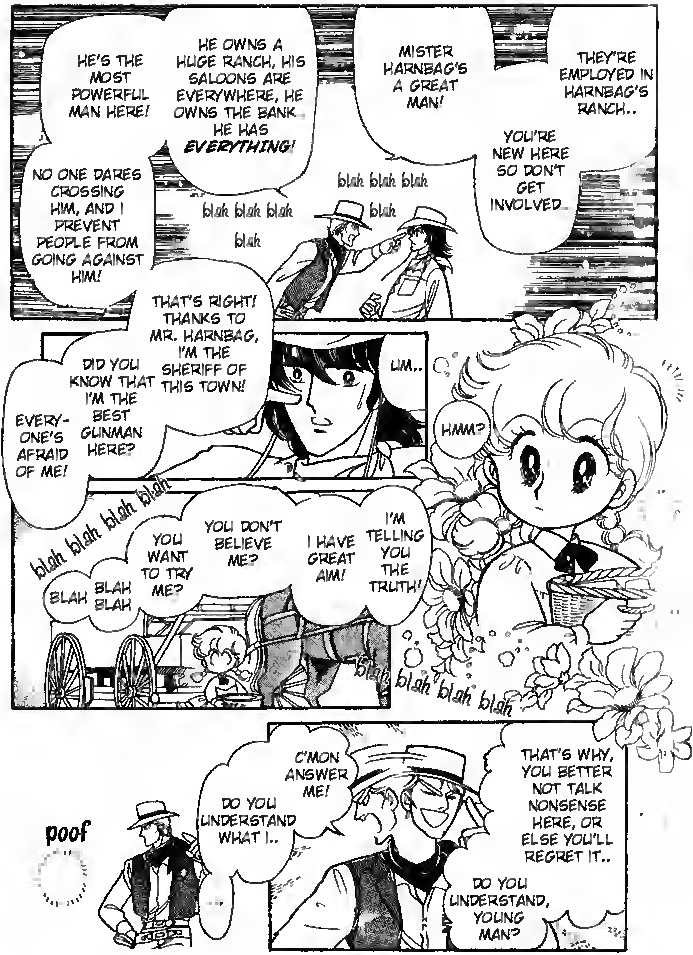
THAT BLACK HAIRED KID CALLED ME A BARREL!
IF I RUN INTO HIM AGAIN, I'M GOING TO FINISH HIM OFF!
HMM
BRY...
CA. CALM DOWN..
WILS-TOWN..

kalip
kalop

KID...
EH .? WHAT'S THAT?
THIS IS FOR YOU
HA HA HA
THIS IS NOT FOR YOU TO SELL, BUT TO USE
TO TELL TIME
I DON'T NEED AN UGLY POCKET WATCH LIKE THAT
DOUGLAS
YOU HAVE THE SAME NAME AS MY DECEASED SON,
NO ONE WOULD WANT TO BUY IT
ALTHOUGH, IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT CAN BE FIXED
MY OLD POCKET WATCH DIED AGAIN

IT'S AN OLD POCKET WATCH
IF YOU HAVE THE MONEY, YOU SHOULD BUY A NEW ONE
I'M SURE IT'S WORTH IT
YEAH...
I'M DROPPING IT OFF AT THE REPAIR SHOP
I'LL PICK IT UP BEFORE WE LEAVE
IF THEY CAN'T REPAIR IT THIS TIME, I'LL THINK OF GETTING A NEW ONE
DAMN! I'M SURE I'LL GET IT THIS TIME! WATCH!
AAWW... I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE HIT!
WUAH HA HA HA HA
HEY! TOSS THE TARGET!
BANG BANG
AHH!
Woosh

BANG
BANG
AHHAHAHA
ISN'T HE THE SHERIFF?
SALOON
PATUMP
PATUMP
PATUMP
BANG
BANG
BANG
ding
EH?
I FEEL SORRY FOR THE SALOON ACROSS THE STREET
THAT'S DANGER-OUS
OUT OF TOWN-ERS, HUH?
GLARES
HMM...
DON'T YOU SEE THAT?
YOU'RE LETTING THEM SHOOT WILDLY INTO THE STREET?
WHAT?
YOU, LISTEN CARE-FULLY NOW!
POINTS
EH?


HE'S THE MOST POWERFUL MAN HERE!
HE OWNS A HUGE RANCH, HIS SALOONS ARE EVERYWHERE, HE OWNS THE BANK HE HAS EVERYTHING!
blah blah blah blah
MISTER HARNBAG'S A GREAT MAN!
THEY'RE EMPLOYED IN HARNBAG'S RANCH..
YOU'RE NEW HERE SO DON'T GET INVOLVED..
blah blah blah
NO ONE DARES CROSSING HIM, AND I PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GOING AGAINST HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT! THANKS TO MR. HARNBAG, I'M THE SHERIFF OF THIS TOWN!
DID YOU KNOW THAT I'M THE BEST GUNMAN HERE?
EVERY-ONE'S AFRAID OF ME!
UM..
HMM?
blah blah blah blah
BLAH BLAH BLAH
YOU WANT TO TRY ME?
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME?
I HAVE GREAT AIM!
I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!
blah
blah blah blah
poof
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I..
C'MON ANSWER ME!
THAT'S WHY, YOU BETTER NOT TALK NONSENSE HERE, OR ELSE YOU'LL REGRET IT..
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, YOUNG MAN?

I'M SO GOOD
HEH
HE MUST HAVE RAN OFF, BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF ME
DOUG-LAS
MY HEAD HURTS
THAT GUY... WAS TALKING.. NON-STOP
WHICH IS WHY I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL
THAT'S RIGHT,
BUT.. HMM.. HARNBAG... THAT SHRIMP WAS PROBABLY REFERRING TO HIM EARLIER, RIGHT?
hehe he he
THIS TOWN IS VERY UNLAWFUL... POWER HAS A BIGGER INFLUENCE HERE

HEY! WAIT!
WE'VE BATHED, ATE, AND DRANK..
SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
COMPLETELY IGNORED
ARRINGGG
WOAH!
WHAT IS GOING ON?
IF I LET GO, YOU'LL RUN!
GRR
NO, I WON'T! C'MON LET GO!
UH?
JUMP
LET GO, SHRIMP!!
KYAA! THE PIG TOO!
oink
GRAB
WOW... THAT FIGHT BETWEEN THOSE TWO GREW PRETTY QUICKLY
OH.
NOTHING
WHAT?
THERE'S A FIGHT IN THE SALOON
GRR
ROAR
OH.

OF COURSE, THAT'S HANDBAG'S SALOON
WILL YOU QUIT CLIMBING ME?! I'M NOT A MOUNTAIN!
HANDBAG? OH, MAYBE SHE MEANT HARNBAG
AH, I SEE..
HEY, IT'S THAT SHERIFF AGAIN
HE'S TRYING TO STOP THE FIGHT
JUST WAIT IN HIS SALOON, HE USUALLY SHOWS UP LATER
AH ...
THERE ARE MORE SHADY PEOPLE COMING INTO TOWN
KYLAAAK
DON'T CROWD AROUND, PEOPLE!
C'MON MOVE IT!
HEY, TELL ME
I'M LOOKING FOR SAD HARNBAG, CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHERE HE LIVES?
AH, REVER-END
BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY, SIR

OH!
AH, THAT'S
GOD IS ON OUR SIDE
HE'LL LEAD US TO THE RIGHTEOUS PATH
HAVE PATIENCE
AH, MISTER HARNBAG IS HERE!
WHAT?
SAD!
WOAH
BRYAN MURPHY

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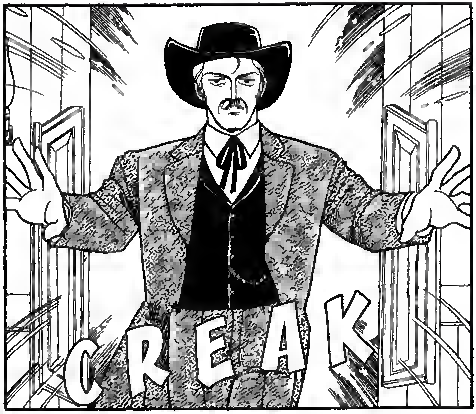
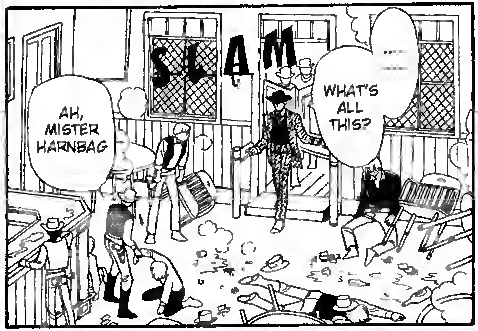
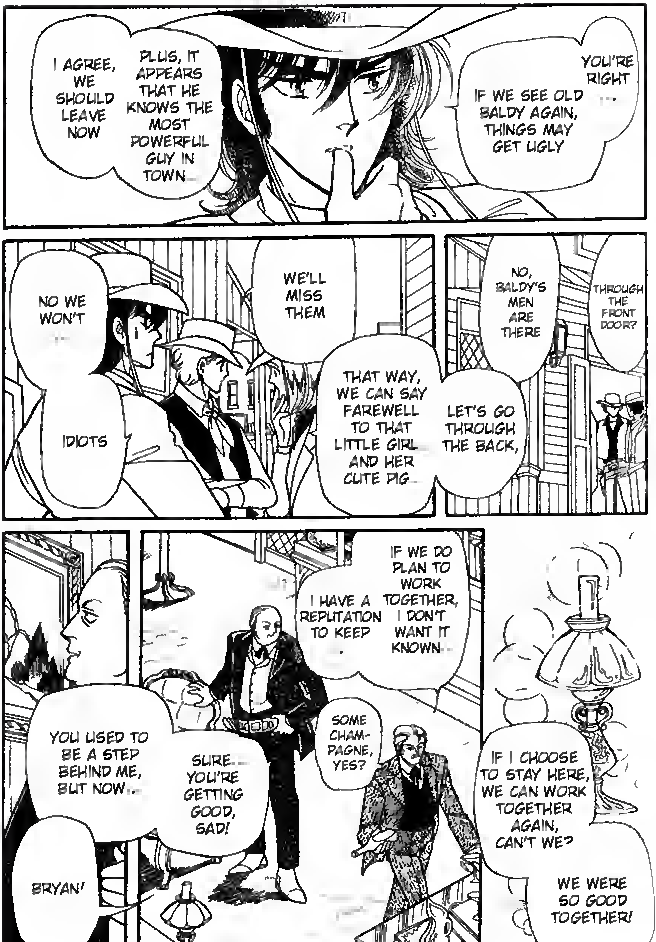


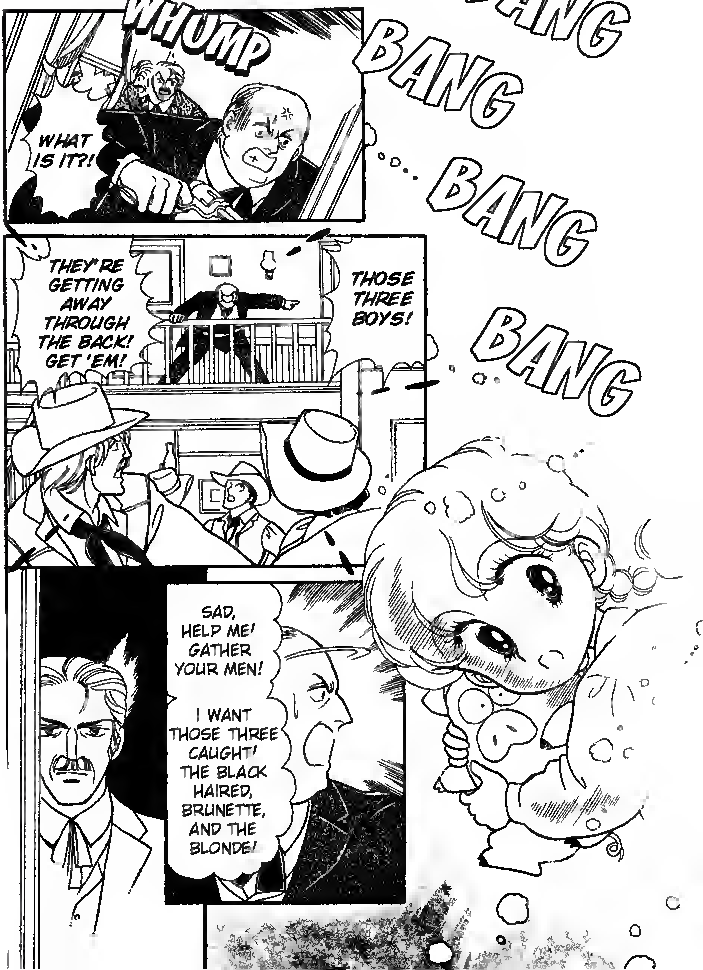


CREAK
click
swing
ALRIGHT
HEY, WHO STARTED THE FIGHT?
WHO?!
ASK WHOEVER STARTED THE FIGHT TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES
YES SIR!
swoosh
SHOW-OFF
LET'S TALK UPSTAIRS
PLEASE COME IN BRYAN,
gasp
OK

BARK
WE HAD AN INCIDENT WITH HIM EARLIER
WHAT?
THE BALDY!
DOUG-LAS
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
UWAH
OINK
Jump
AH!
I THINK IT'S BETTER IF WE LEAVE THIS TOWN

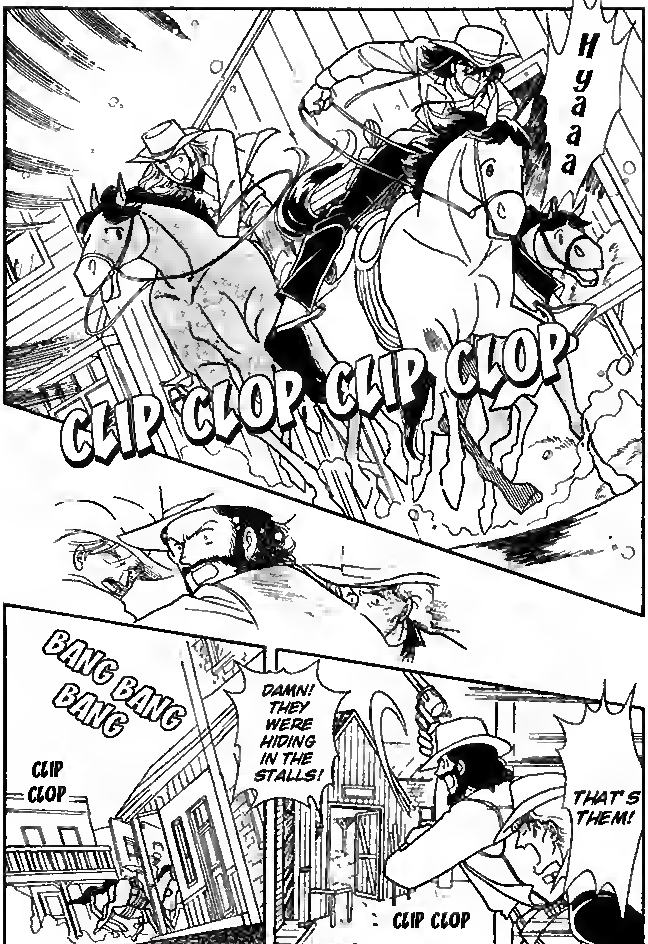

I AGREE, WE SHOULD LEAVE NOW
PLUS, IT APPEARS THAT HE KNOWS THE MOST POWERFUL GUY IN TOWN...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
IF WE SEE OLD BALDY AGAIN, THINGS MAY GET UGLY
NO WE WON'T
IDIOTS
WE'LL MISS THEM
THAT WAY, WE CAN SAY FAREWELL TO THAT LITTLE GIRL AND HER CUTE PIG...
NO, BALDY'S MEN ARE THERE
LET'S GO THROUGH THE BACK,
THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR?
YOU USED TO BE A STEP BEHIND ME, BUT NOW...
BRYAN!
SURE... YOU'RE GETTING GOOD, SAD!
I HAVE A REPUTATION TO KEEP
IF WE DO PLAN TO WORK TOGETHER, I DON'T WANT IT KNOWN...
SOME CHAMPAGNE, YES?
IF I CHOOSE TO STAY HERE, WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AGAIN, CAN'T WE?
WE WERE SO GOOD TOGETHER!

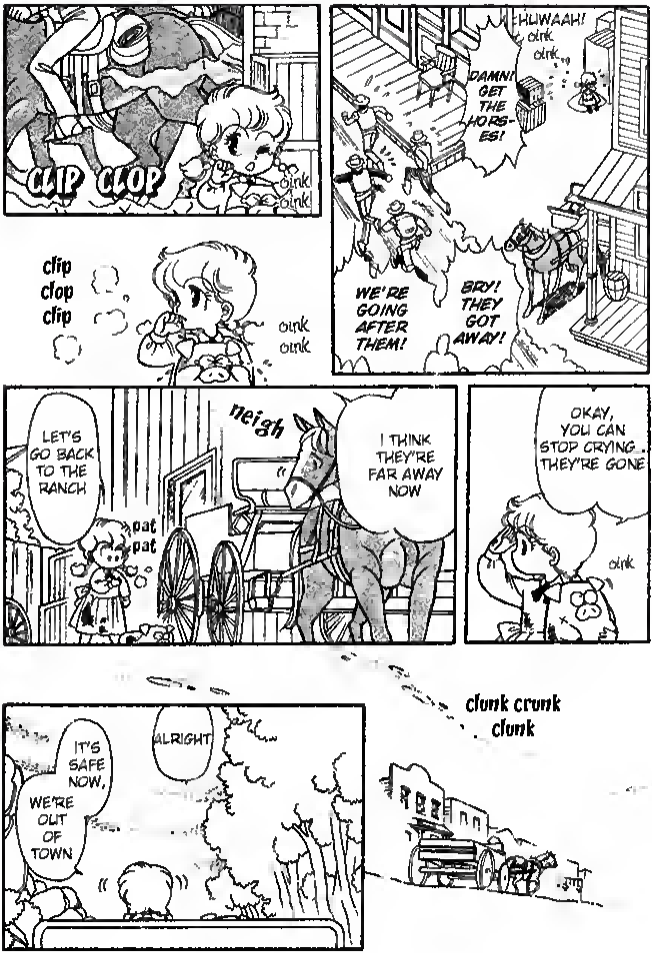
POINTS
IF YOU REMEMBER ME THAT WAY, THEN YOU'RE GRAVELY MISTAKEN!
REMEMBER THAT!
SAD USED TO BE A WEAK PERSON..
HE'S CHANGED ...
WHERE DID TH T CONFIDENCE COME FROM?
KRIING!

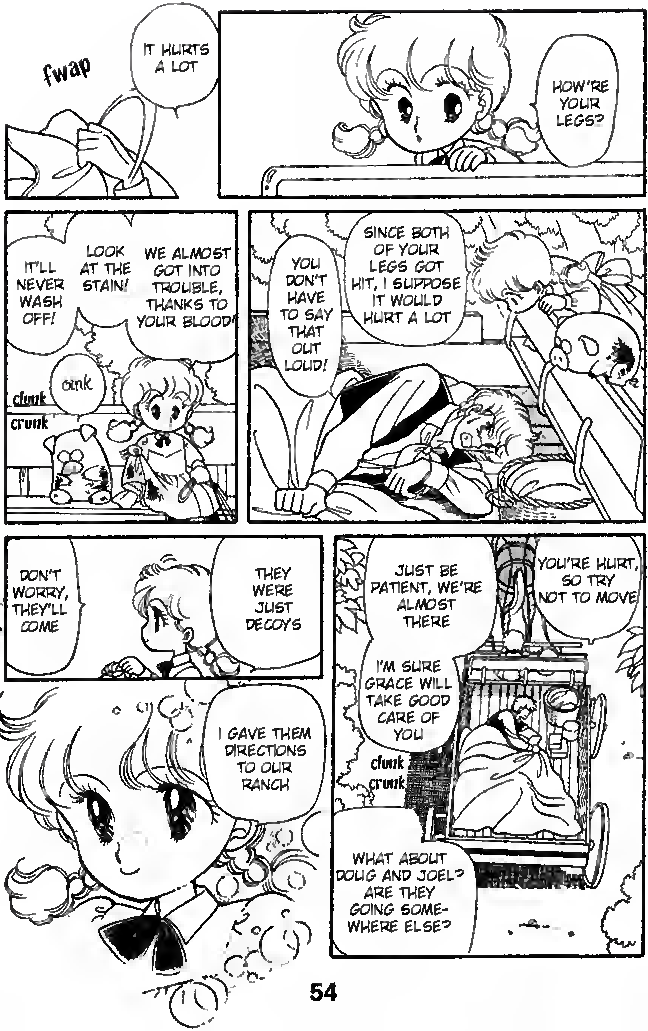

WHUMP
WHAT IS IT?!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
THEY' RE GETTING AWAY THROUGH THE BACK! GET 'EM!
THOSE THREE BOYS!
SAD, HELP ME! GATHER YOUR MEN!
I WANT THOSE THREE CAUGHT! THE BLACK HAIRED, BRUNETTE, AND THE BLONDE!

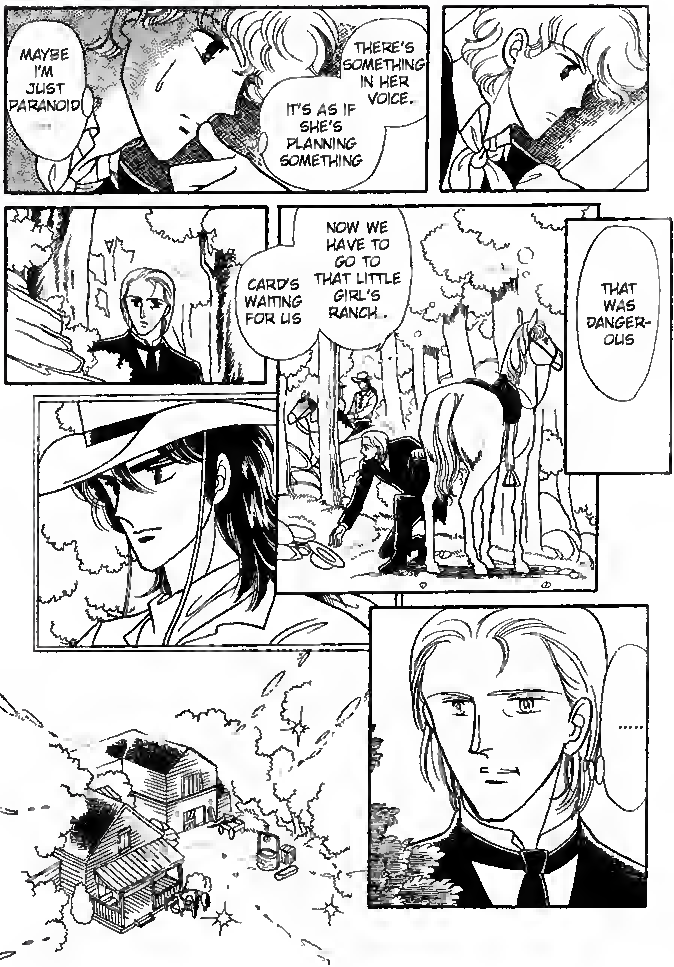
THERE'S SOME HERE TOO he he..
IF WE FOLLOW THIS, WE'LL KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HIDING
LOOKS LIKE BRY'S BULLETS HIT THEIR TARGET
LOOK! BLOOD
YES, I KNOW!
PREPARE THE HORSES!
HEY..
OVER THERE?
SWOOSH
DON'T MOVE!
OKAY ...
3 Rings
HIS SHA-DOW

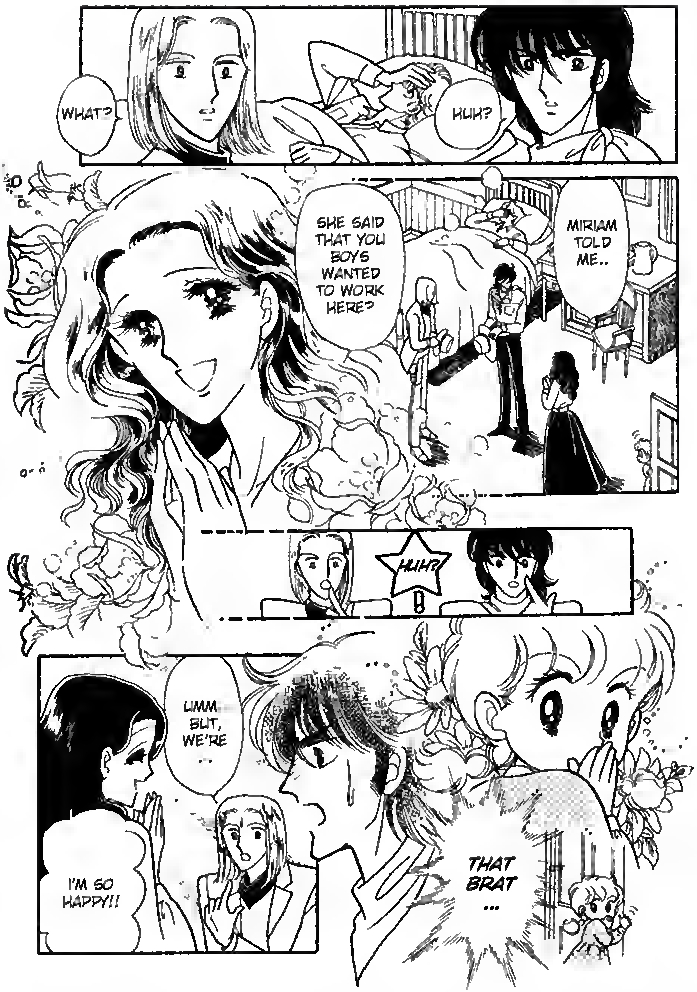
WHAT'S WRONG, MISTER?
OH, WAS THAT YOUR DOG, SIR?
I'M SORRY!! BUT HE ATTACKED MY PIG FIRST, AND WHEN I TRIED TO SEPARATE THEM, HE ATTACKED ME TOO..
SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO BEAT HIM..
AND NOW YOU'RE POINTING YOUR GUN AT ME..
oink oink
oink oink
HUH?
AAH..
EH...?
oink
HUWAAH
SO IT WAS THE PIG'S BLOOD, NOT THE BOYS'
NEIGH
C'MON!
LET'S GET GOING, WHILE THEY'RE STILL ON THE RUN!


Hyaaa
CLIP CLOP CLIP CLOP
BANG BANG BANG
CLIP CLOP
DAMN! THEY WERE HIDING IN THE STALLS!
THAT'S THEM!
CLIP CLOP

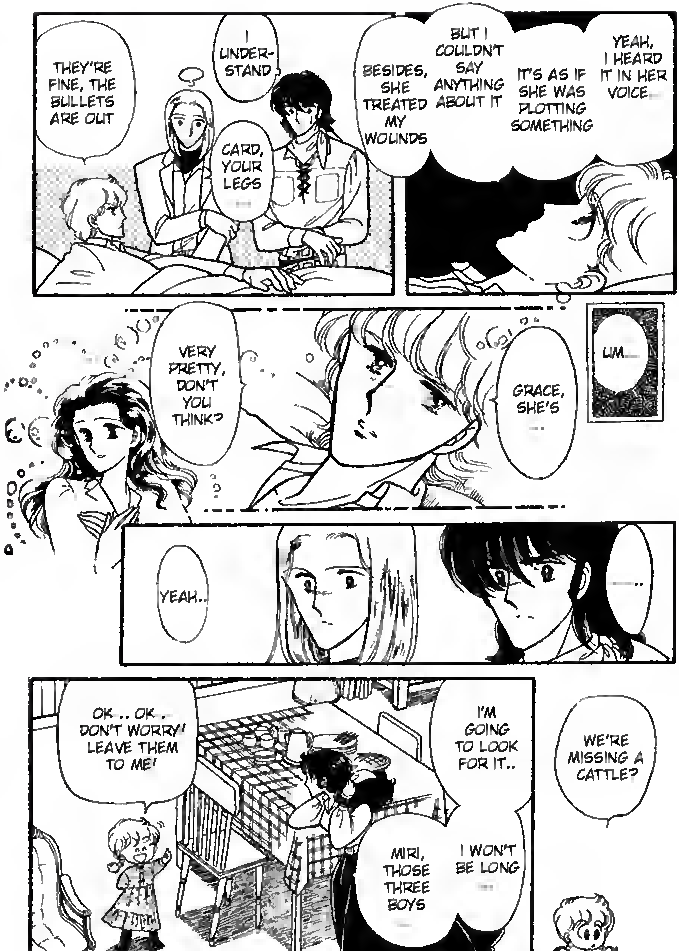

CLIP CLOP
oink
oink
clip
clop
clip
oink
oink
EHUWAAH!
oink
oink
DAMN! GET THE HORSES!
WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM!
BRY! THEY GOT AWAY!
LET'S GO BACK TO THE RANCH
pat
pat
neigh
I THINK THEY'RE FAR AWAY NOW
OKAY, YOU CAN STOP CRYING.. THEY'RE GONE
oink
clunk crunk
clunk
IT'S SAFE NOW, WE'RE OUT OF TOWN
ALRIGHT

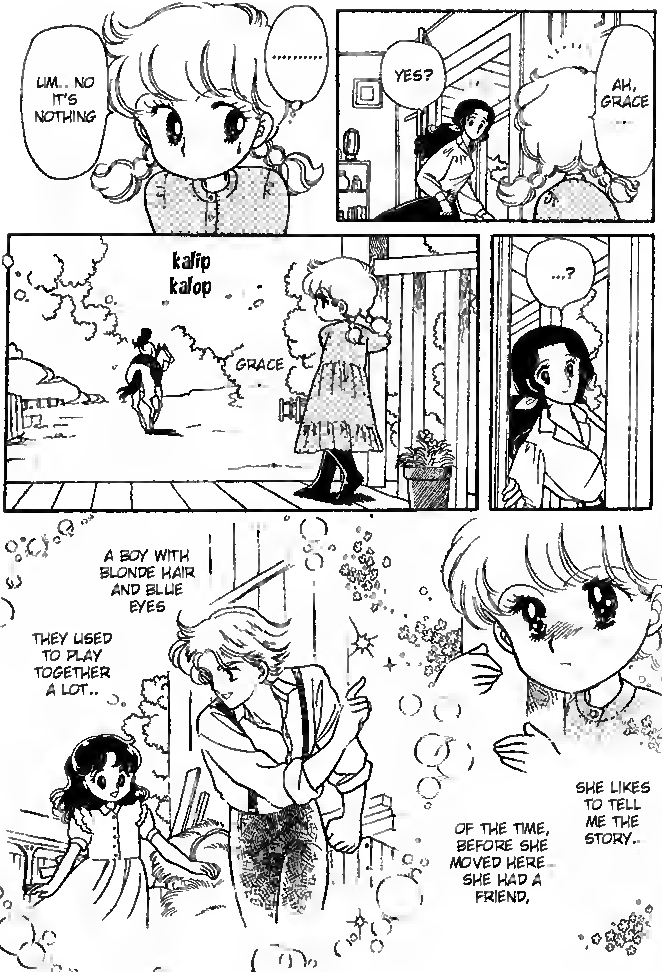

fwap
IT HURTS A LOT
HOW'RE YOUR LEGS?
IT'LL NEVER WASH OFF!
LOOK AT THE STAIN!
WE ALMOST GOT INTO TROUBLE, THANKS TO YOUR BLOOD!
clunk
crunk
oink
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT OUT LOUD!
SINCE BOTH OF YOUR LEGS GOT HIT, I SUPPOSE IT WOULD HURT A LOT
DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL COME
THEY WERE JUST DECOYS
I GAVE THEM DIRECTIONS TO OUR RANCH
JUST BE PATIENT, WE'RE ALMOST THERE
I'M SURE GRACE WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU
clunk
crunk
YOU'RE HURT, SO TRY NOT TO MOVE
WHAT ABOUT DOUG AND JOEL? ARE THEY GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE?

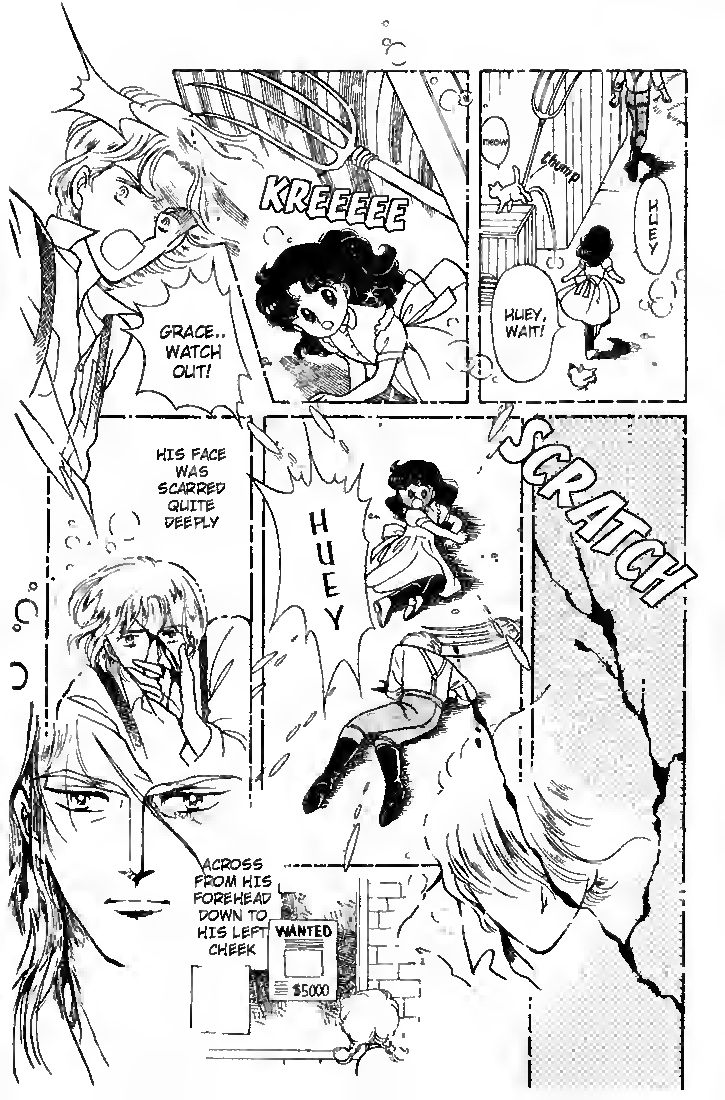

MAYBE I'M JUST PARANOID
THERE'S SOMETHING IN HER VOICE.
IT'S AS IF SHE'S PLANNING SOMETHING
CARD'S WAITING FOR US
NOW WE HAVE TO GO TO THAT LITTLE GIRL'S RANCH.
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS
.....

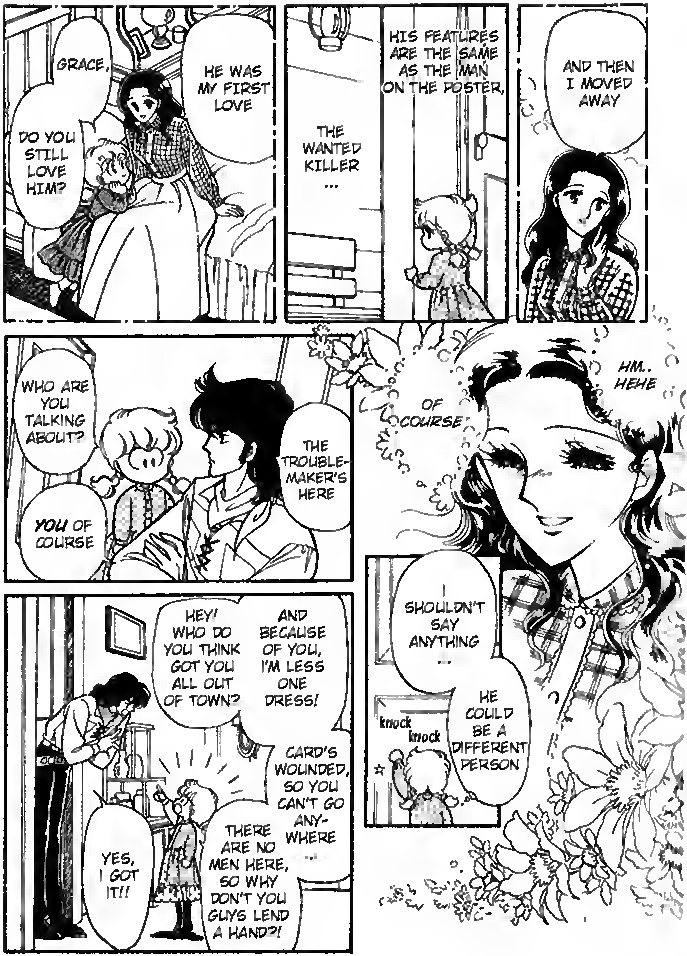

WHAT?
HUH?
MIRIAM TOLD ME..
SHE SAID THAT YOU BOYS WANTED TO WORK HERE?
HUH?
UMM... BUT, WE'RE ...
I'M SO HAPPY!!
THAT BRAT ...

THE CHORES HERE ARE TOO HARD FOR JUST MIRIAM AND ME
ALL OF OUR MEN JUST BARELY QUIT, AND I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE TO REPLACE THEM
AH..
.....
I'LL BRING SOME, OKAY?
AH...
WHY DON'T YOU REST FOR NOW... WOULD YOU LIKE SOME PIE AND COFFEE?
hehe
REALLY! YOU GUYS CAME JUST IN TIME
YOU'RE ALL SAVERS!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, I'M SO HAPPY!
BLAM
I KNEW IT, I KNEW THAT SHE WAS UP TO SOMETHING
RENDERED SPEECHLESS
CARD, YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS?!
huh?!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO WORK ON A RANCH?!
AH!

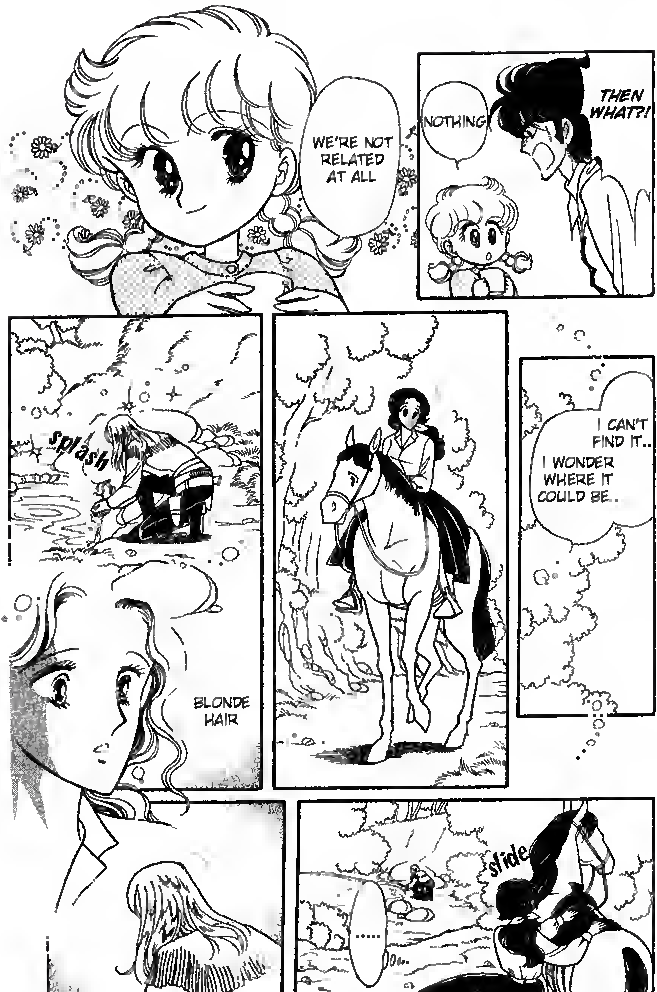

THEY'RE FINE, THE BULLETS ARE OUT
I UNDERSTAND
CARD, YOUR LEGS
BESIDES, SHE TREATED MY WOUNDS
BUT I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT
IT'S AS IF SHE WAS PLOTTING SOMETHING
YEAH, I HEARD IT IN HER VOICE
VERY PRETTY, DON'T YOU THINK?
GRACE, SHE'S
LIM
YEAH..
OK .. OK . DON'T WORRY! LEAVE THEM TO ME!
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR IT..
MIRI, THOSE THREE BOYS
I WON'T BE LONG
WE'RE MISSING A CATTLE?

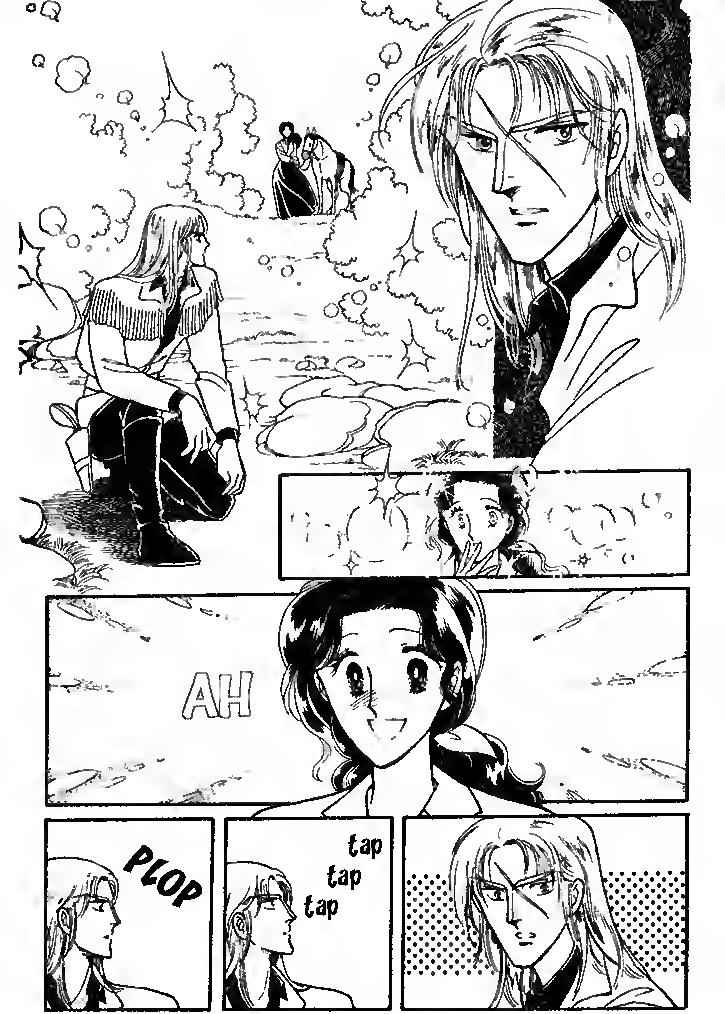

UM.. NO IT'S NOTHING
.....
YES?
AH, GRACE ...
kalip kalop
GRACE
...?
A BOY WITH BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES
THEY USED TO PLAY TOGETHER A LOT..
OF THE TIME, BEFORE SHE MOVED HERE SHE HAD A FRIEND,
SHE LIKES TO TELL ME THE STORY..


KREEEEE
GRACE.. WATCH OUT!
MEOW
CHUMP
HUEY
HUEY, WAIT!
SCRATCH
HUEY
HIS FACE WAS SCARRED QUITE DEEPLY
ACROSS FROM HIS FOREHEAD DOWN TO HIS LEFT CHEEK
WANTED
$5000


GRACE,
DO YOU STILL LOVE HIM?
HE WAS MY FIRST LOVE
THE WANTED KILLER ...
HIS FEATURES ARE THE SAME AS THE MAN ON THE POSTER.
AND THEN I MOVED AWAY
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU OF COURSE
THE TROUBLE-MAKER'S HERE
HM. HEHE
OF COURSE
I SHOULDN'T SAY ANYTHING ...
HE COULD BE A DIFFERENT PERSON
knock knock
HEY! WHO DO YOU THINK GOT YOU ALL OUT OF TOWN?
AND BECAUSE OF YOU, I'M LESS ONE DRESS!
CARD'S WOUNDED, SO YOU CAN'T GO ANY-WHERE ...
THERE ARE NO MEN HERE, SO WHY DON'T YOU GUYS LEND A HAND?!
YES, I GOT IT!!

I AGREE THAT GARD SHOULDN'T MOVE FOR NOW
IT'S SAFER IF WE WERE TO STAY FOR A WHILE
OLD BALDY WOULDN'T FIND US HERE
WE'LL STAY HERE UNTIL YOU FIND PERMANENT CATTLEMEN
UNTIL WE FIND PERMA-NENT CATTLE-MEN..
OH, MIRIAM .
WHY DO YOU CALL GRACE BY HER NAME?
THERE'S PIE AND COFFEE ON THE TABLE, PLEASE HELP YOURSELF
....
NO
ISN'T SHE YOUR MOM?
YOUR SIS-TER THEN?
HOW OLD IS SHE?
SHE'S 27, AND SHE'S NOT MY SISTER
27.. HUH? 10 YEARS OLDER THAN US
SO, IS SHE A RELATIVE?
NO


WE'RE NOT RELATED AT ALL
NOTHING
THEN WHAT?!
splash
BLONDE HAIR
I CAN'T FIND IT..
I WONDER WHERE IT COULD BE..
.....
stride


AH
PLOP
tap
tap
tap

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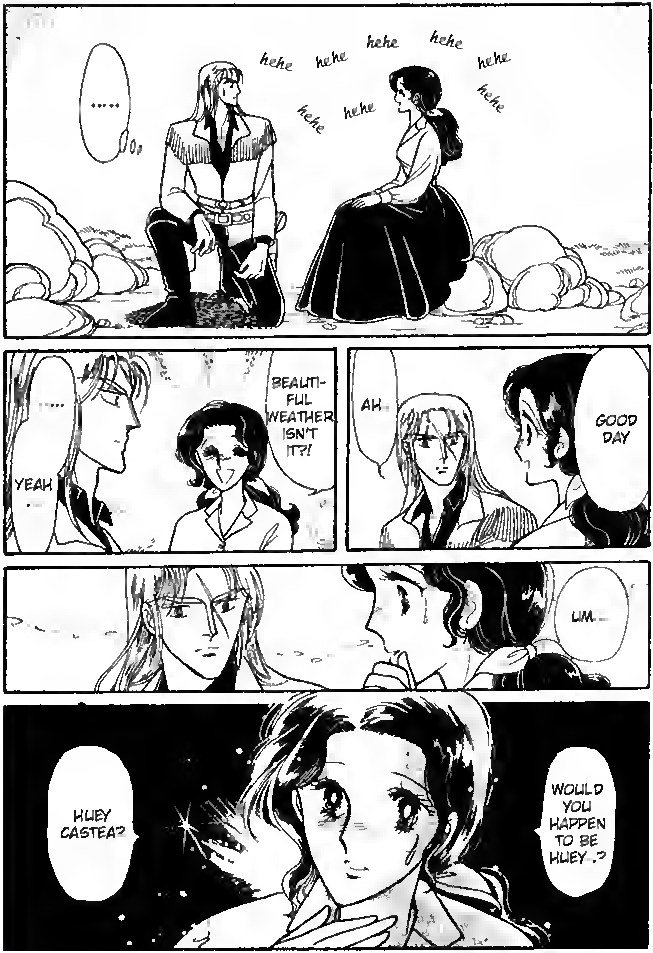


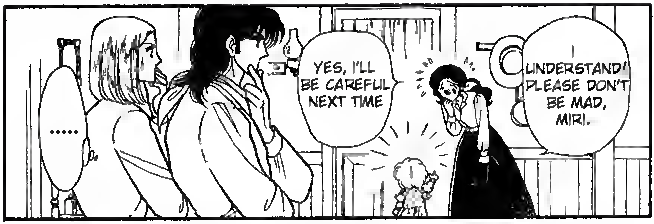
ARE YOU HUEY?
UM.
WRONG PERSON
EH?
BY THE WAY, HOW FAR IS WILSTOWN FROM HERE?
whoosh
I USED TO LIVE IN YELLOW-STONE
DO YOU REMEMBER THE GIRL WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR?

UM...
BY HORSE, IT TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR
.....
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT PERSON
YOU'RE NOT HUEY?
WHO'S THAT?
THERE IT IS!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR IT!
I'M
SORRY, I'M
THE CATTLE!
AH..

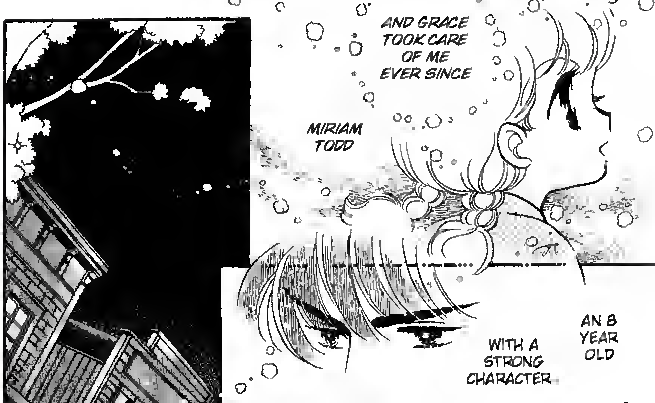
C'MON LET'S GO HOME!
moooo...
THERE YOU ARE!
step
C'MON
DOWANG
C'MON!
moooo
trup
trup
huh?
I'LL HELP YOU

OKAY
plop
LET'S CLEAN UP
neigh
THANKS
PUT THEM OVER THERE
YES, I KNOW THAT! STOP ORDERING US AROUND!
BRING YOUR OWN PLATES, OKAY?
HAND ME YOURS, CARD
YES, YES, I'LL BRING IT MYSELF

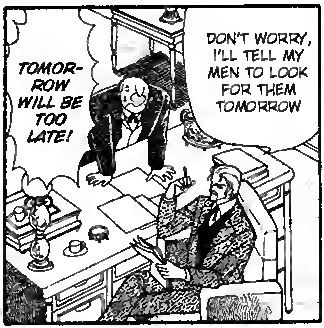
MIRI...!
BAM
LISTEN
CLIP CLOP
GRACE IS BACK
AH
WHAT?!
A MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE HUEY?
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO TALK TO STRANGERS!
THERE'S A LOT OF BAD PEOPLE AROUND LATELY!
MIRI
BUT HE'S VERY KIND,
ALTHOUGH HE DOESN'T TALK MUCH
BOOM
GRACE!
WANTED
$5000
MIRI
DID YOU TALK TO HIM?!
YOU MUST HAVE!


.....
YES, I'LL BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME
I UNDERSTAND! PLEASE DON'T BE MAD, MIRI.

WHY DID YOU STAY WITH GRACE?
MY DAD DIED
HM
WHICH ONE'S THE ADULT.. I CAN'T TELL..

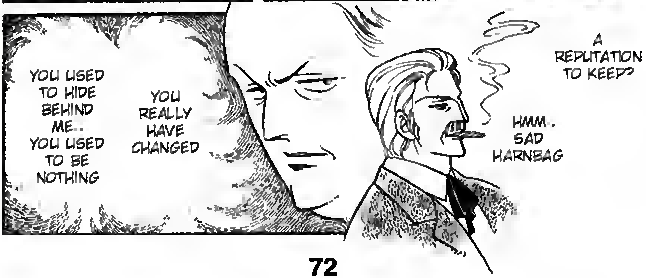

AND GRACE TOOK CARE OF ME EVER SINCE
MIRIAM TODD
WITH A STRONG CHARACTER
AN 8 YEAR OLD

BAM
WHY DIDN'T YOU SEND YOUR MEN?


TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE!
DON'T WORRY, I'LL TELL MY MEN TO LOOK FOR THEM TOMORROW

I TOLD YOU ...
I HAVE A REPUTATION TO KEEP

THIS MAKES IT TWICE THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN AWAY
CAN YOUR MEN REALLY HANDLE THEM? THEY ONLY KNOW HOW TO FIGHT IN SALOONS!


A REPUTATION TO KEEP?
HMM. SAD HARNBAG
YOU USED TO HIDE BEHIND ME.. YOU USED TO BE NOTHING
YOU REALLY HAVE CHANGED

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M IN A BAD MOOD?
I DON'T WANNA HEAR ANY EXCUSES!
HM?
POW
WAIT A MINUTE! I ONLY BRUSHED UP AGAINST YOU!
SHADDAP!
SALOON
SLAP

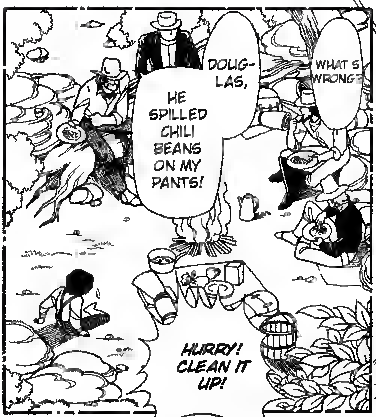
MOVE! YOU'RE BLOCKING THE DOOR.
I CAN'T GET IN
...
WHAT..
!!!
HM..
smirk
PUSH
IF YOU WANT TO COME IN, GO AHEAD

UGH...
CRASH
CRASH
AAHHH
BANG
BANG
DAMN YOU!
GYAA
BANG

BANG
fwip
AAHHH
BANG
SO
silence
ARE THERE ANY MORE COM-PLAINTS?
I'M RATHER TIRED FROM MY LONG JOURNEY
BUT NEXT TIME, I WON'T MISS

HE'S GOOD
.....
HE MOVES REALLY FAST
I'LL LET THE BOSS KNOW
WE CAN USE HIM!
UM...
IS.
IS THE FOOD NOT GOOD?
AMEN
THANK YOU LORD FOR YOUR BLESSINGS TODAY

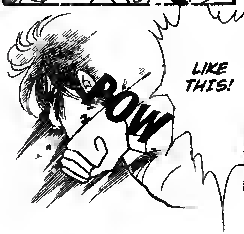
WERE RAISED IN AN ORPHANAGE, THEY ALWAYS HAD TO PRAY BEFORE EATING A MEAL,
AND THEY USED TO HAVE A FAMILY.. SO THEY'RE USED TO IT
DOUG FEELS A LITTLE AWKWARD
HM
AH.. NO
CARD AND JOEL
.....
HE'S NOT USED TO THIS TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT
CARD'S EATING IN THE ROOM BECAUSE HE CAN'T MOVE
BUT I'M DIFFERENT
I HAD A JOB AS A COOK
I WAS ALWAYS ON THE ROAD
I NEVER LIVED IN A FAMILY
SLAP
YOU STUPID BRAT!!
SINCE I WAS YOUNG...

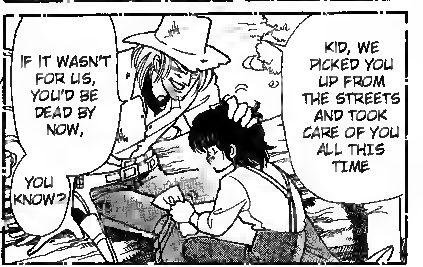

DOUG-LAS,
HE SPILLED CHILI BEANS ON MY PANTS!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HURRY! CLEAN IT UP!

THUD

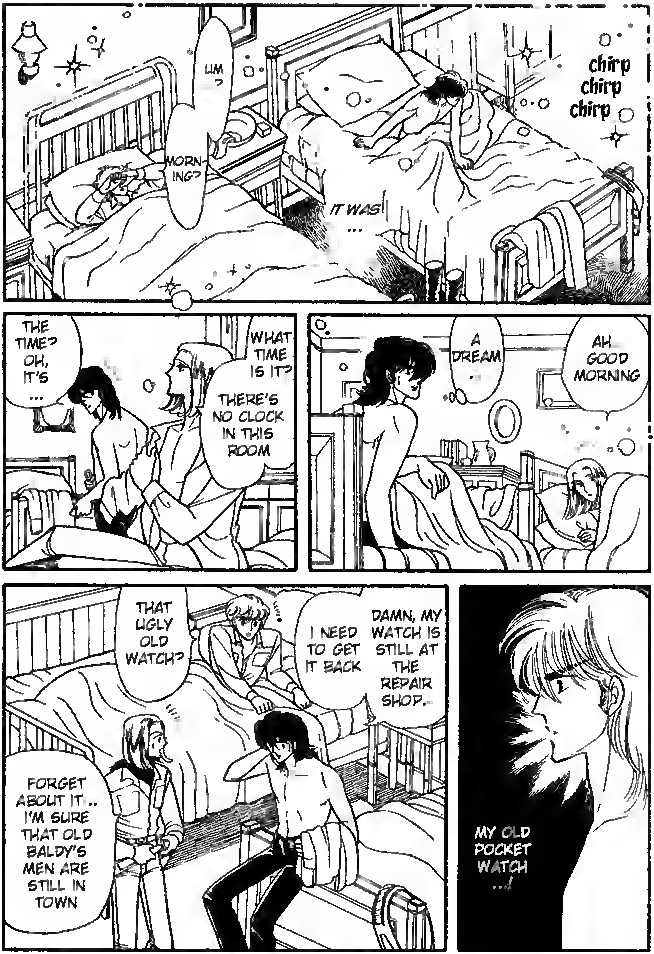
AND DON'T EVEN TRY RUNNING AWAY AGAIN! 'CAUSE WE WILL ALWAYS FIND YOU, AND YOUR NEXT PUNISHMENT WILL BE WORSE!
GRAB
YOU GOT THAT?

DON'T JUST SIT THERE!
AAHHHH
HURRY, CLEAN IT!


LIKE THIS!
POW


IF IT WASN'T FOR US, YOU'D BE DEAD BY NOW, YOU KNOW?
KID, WE PICKED YOU UP FROM THE STREETS AND TOOK CARE OF YOU ALL THIS TIME

THEY'RE ENSLAVING ME!
TAKING CARE OF ME...?
DAMN IT!
HAHAHAHA
REMEMBER THIS! KIDS LIKE YOU COULD NEVER MAKE IT OUT ON THEIR OWN
gasps
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!
I'LL GET BIGGER AND STRONGER
YOU'LL SEE...
AND I'LL MAKE YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME...


chirp chirp chirp
UM ?
MORNING?
IT WAS...
THE TIME? OH, IT'S ...
WHAT TIME IS IT?
THERE'S NO CLOCK IN THIS ROOM
A DREAM ...
AH... GOOD MORNING
THAT UGLY OLD WATCH?
I NEED TO GET IT BACK
DAMN, MY WATCH IS STILL AT THE REPAIR SHOP..
FORGET ABOUT IT.. I'M SURE THAT OLD BALDY'S MEN ARE STILL IN TOWN
MY OLD POCKET WATCH ...!

KID..
THIS IS FOR YOU..
THAT'S TRUE
DON'T WORRY, IT'S AN OLD WATCH ANYWAY
BUT IT HOLDS A LOT OF MEMORIES
YEAH
BAM
HEY EVERYONE! C'MON, WAKEY WAKEY! IT'S MORNING!
OH WELL!
I WAS GONNA WAKE YOU
OH, YOU'RE UP ALREADY?
EVERYONE, PLEASE WORK HARD!
ANYWAY, YOU'RE STARTING WORK TODAY!
I HAVE CARD HERE AS HOSTAGE
tap
DON'T YOU DARE GOOF OFF

YOU'RE THE HOSTAGE
TELL ME
WHAT TYPE OF PERSON WAS MIRIAM'S DAD?
UM ...
YES?
MIRIAM IS SHOWING THEM AROUND THE RANCH
I'LL HELP YOU CHANGE THE BANDAGE, OKAY?
THEY GOT HERE AROUND THE BEGINNING OF WINTER
AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE STILL CATTLEMEN WORKING ON MY RANCH
HER DAD.
... WAS A GAMBLER WHO WENT FROM ONE TOWN TO ANOTHER
OH ...
MIRIAM MENTIONED HIM ..?

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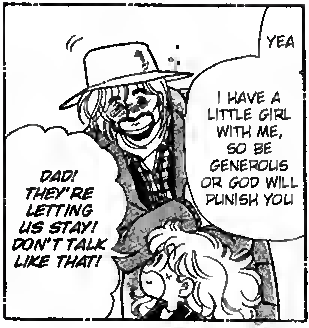
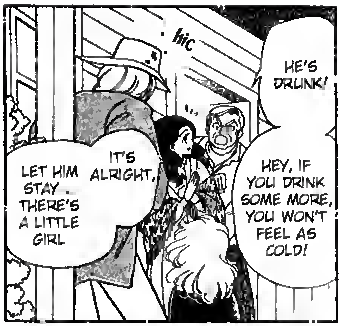
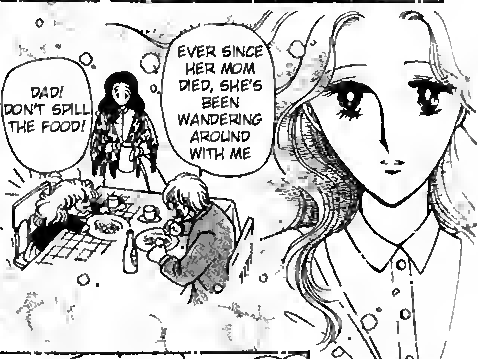
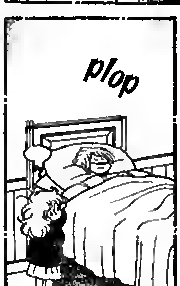
I STILL REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET MIRIAM
knock knock
EXCUSE ME
WHO IS IT?
creak
GOOD EVENING
MY NAME IS MIRIAM
MAY I SPEND THE NIGHT HERE?
IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE DINNER TOO
BUT I ONLY HAVE THIS MUCH MONEY
IDIOT! DON'T SHOW HER THE MONEY!
AH!
he he he
OU.. OUR HORSE RAN AWAY
WE WANTED TO LOOK FOR IT, BUT IT'S ALREADY DARK..
AND IT'S GETTING COLD..


YEA
I HAVE A LITTLE GIRL WITH ME, SO BE GENEROUS OR GOD WILL PUNISH YOU
DAD! THEY'RE LETTING US STAY! DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!


hic
HE'S DRUNK!
HEY, IF YOU DRINK SOME MORE, YOU WON'T FEEL AS COLD!
IT'S ALRIGHT, LET HIM STAY. THERE'S A LITTLE GIRL

IF YOU HAVE SOME MORE, CAN YOU BRING 'EM OUT?
MISS, MY BOTTLE'S EMPTY
DAD! DON'T TALK THAT WAY TO OUR HOSTESS!


DAD! DON'T SPILL THE FOOD!
EVER SINCE HER MOM DIED, SHE'S BEEN WANDERING AROUND WITH ME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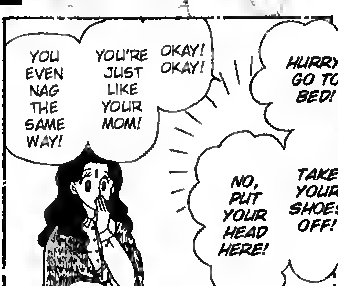
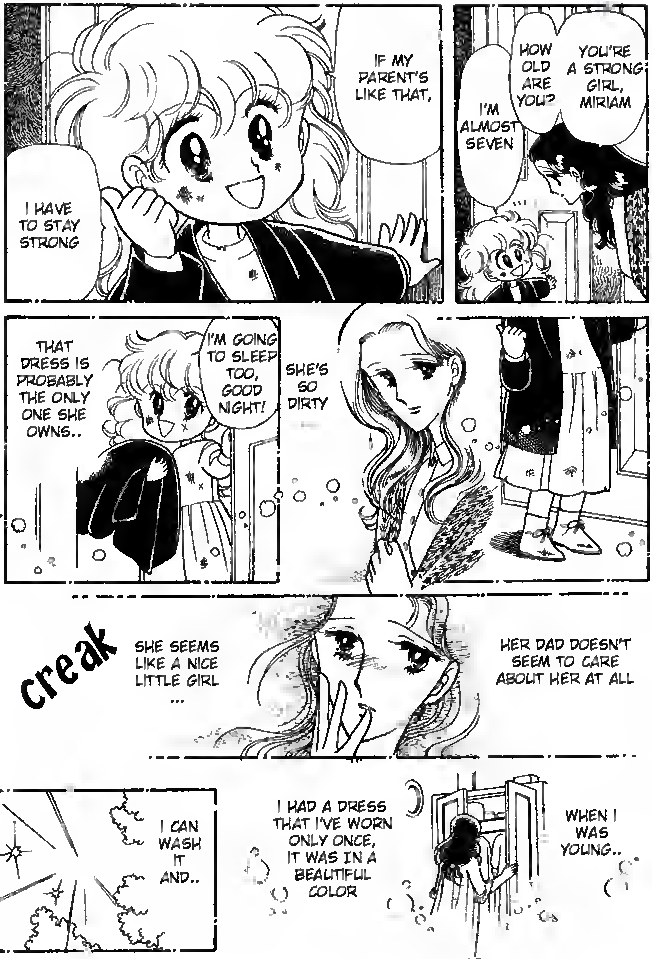
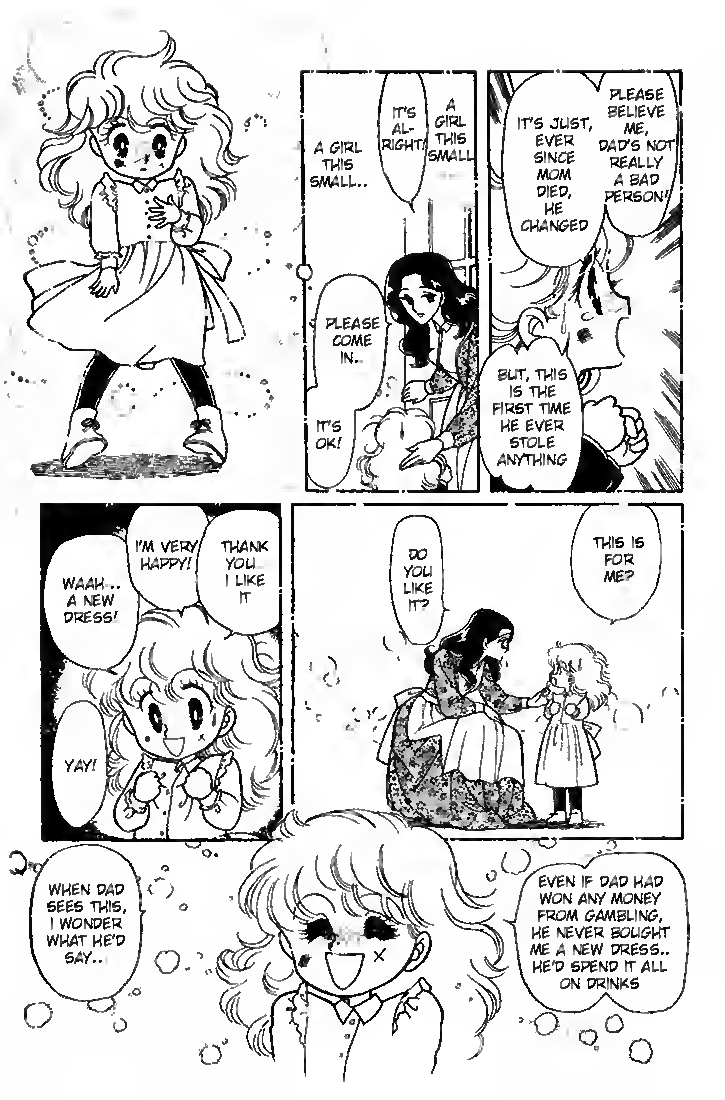
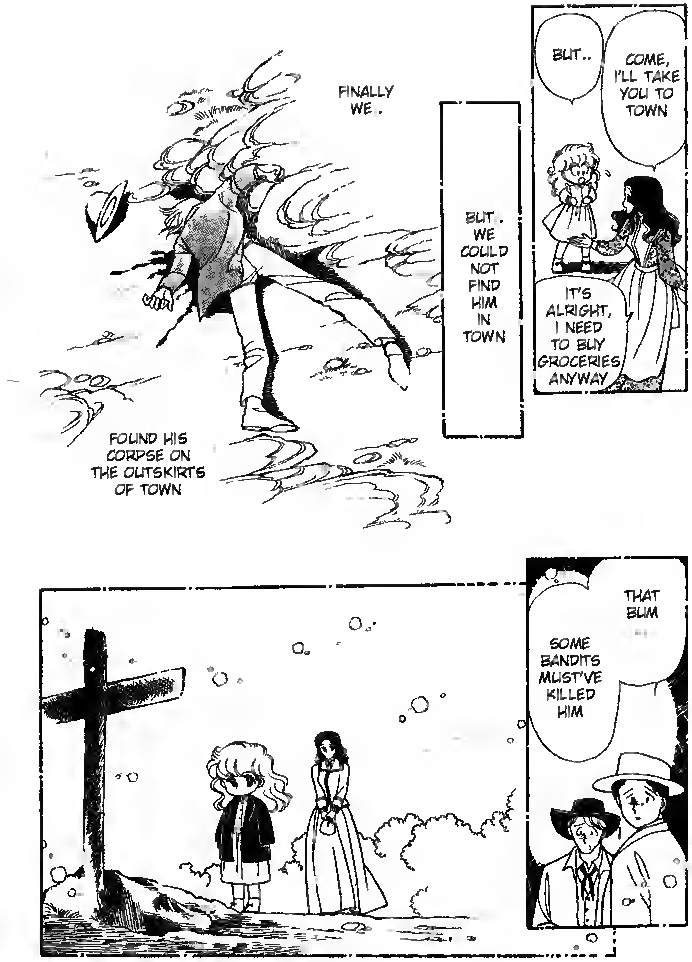
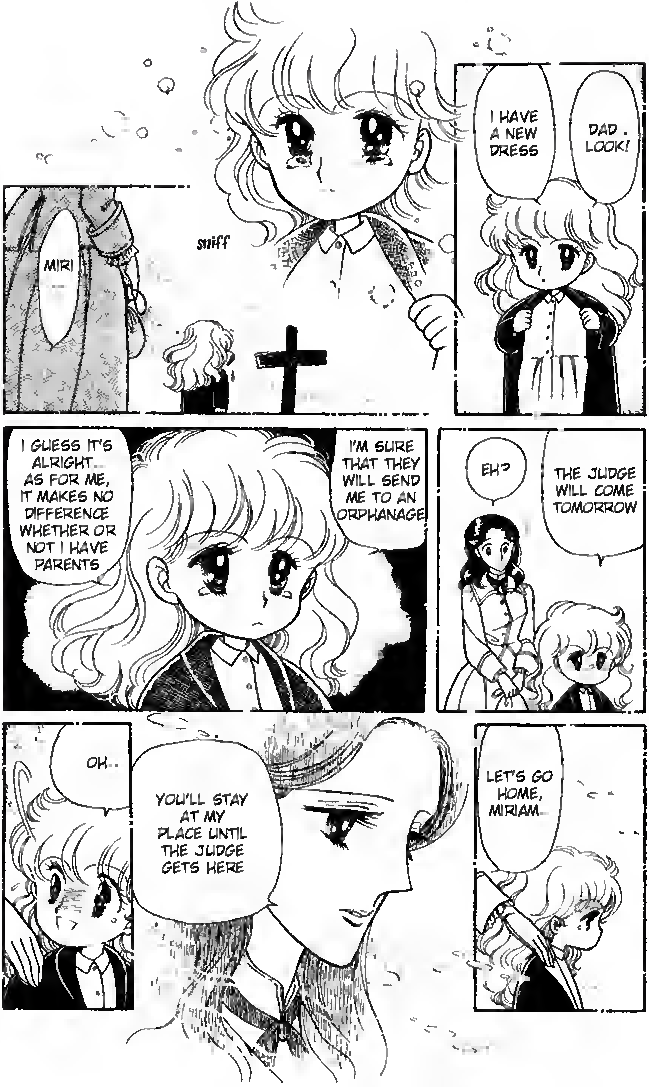

YOU EVEN NAG THE SAME WAY!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR MOM!
OKAY! OKAY!
HURRY, GO TO BED!
NO, PUT YOUR HEAD HERE!
TAKE YOUR SHOES OFF!


IF MY PARENT'S LIKE THAT,
I HAVE TO STAY STRONG
YOU'RE A STRONG GIRL, MIRIAM
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I'M ALMOST SEVEN
I'M GOING TO SLEEP TOO, GOOD NIGHT!
THAT DRESS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE SHE OWNS..
SHE'S SO DIRTY
Creak
SHE SEEMS LIKE A NICE LITTLE GIRL ...
HER DAD DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE ABOUT HER AT ALL
I CAN WASH IT AND..
I HAD A DRESS THAT I'VE WORN ONLY ONCE, IT WAS IN A BEAUTIFUL COLOR
WHEN I WAS YOUNG..

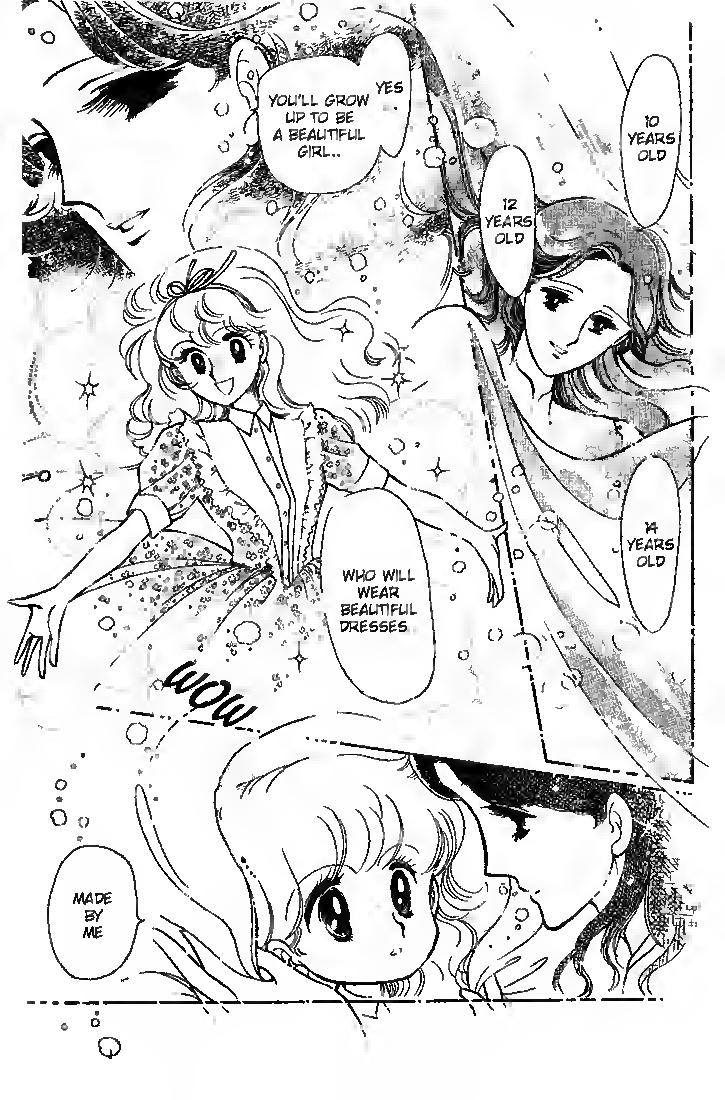
huff, puff
THEY'RE THIEVES!
THEY STOLE OUR HORSES!
AND THEY TOOK MISS GRACE'S EXPENSIVE BROOCH!
HERE
I'M GIVING IT BACK
I'M SO SORRY DAD.
I STOLE THIS, HE SAID
BEAUTIFUL ISN'T IT, HE SAID
GAVE THIS TO ME,
HE WAS REALLY DRUNK
YOU WALKED ALL THE WAY HERE, FROM TOWN?

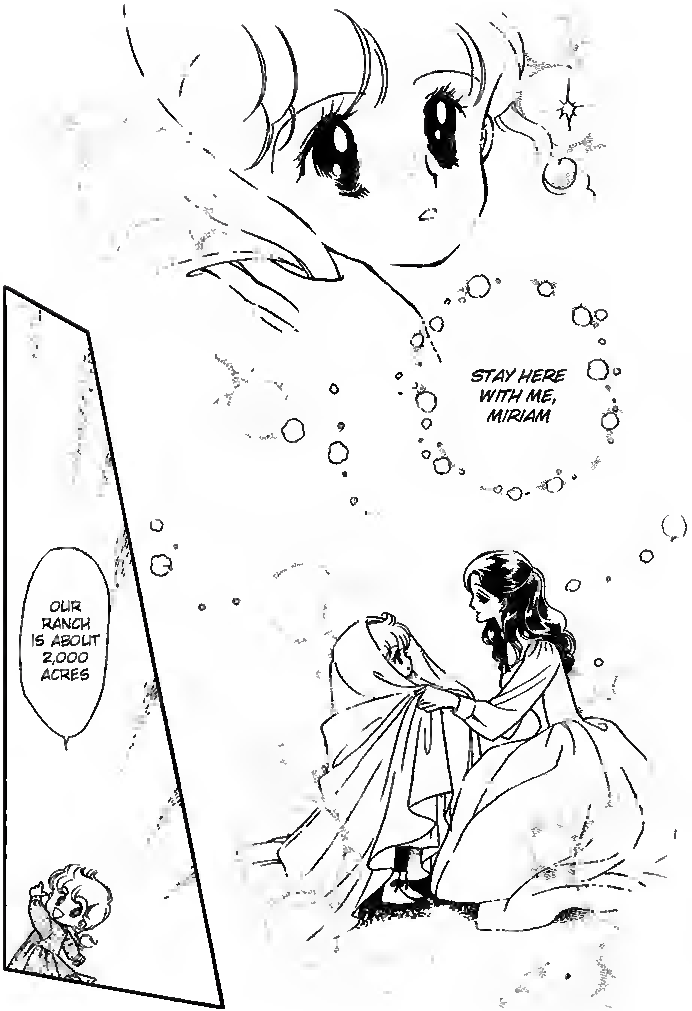

A GIRL THIS SMALL..
IT'S ALRIGHT!
A GIRL THIS SMALL
PLEASE COME IN..
IT'S OK!
IT'S JUST, EVER SINCE MOM DIED, HE CHANGED
PLEASE BELIEVE ME, DAD'S NOT REALLY A BAD PERSON!!
BUT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE EVER STOLE ANYTHING
WAAH... A NEW DRESS!
I'M VERY HAPPY!
THANK YOU... I LIKE IT
YAY!
DO YOU LIKE IT?
THIS IS FOR ME?
WHEN DAD SEES THIS, I WONDER WHAT HE'D SAY..
EVEN IF DAD HAD WON ANY MONEY FROM GAMBLING, HE NEVER BOUGHT ME A NEW DRESS.. HE'D SPEND IT ALL ON DRINKS

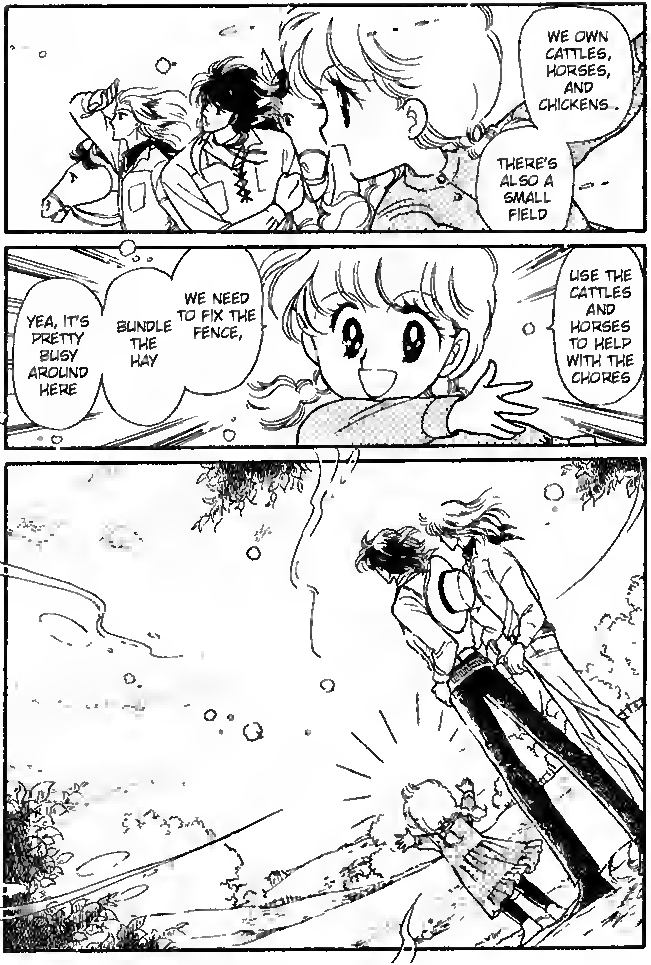

FINALLY WE .
FOUND HIS CORPSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN
BUT . WE COULD NOT FIND HIM IN TOWN
BUT..
COME, I'LL TAKE YOU TO TOWN
IT'S ALRIGHT, I NEED TO BUY GROCERIES ANYWAY
THAT BUM
SOME BANDITS MUST'VE KILLED HIM

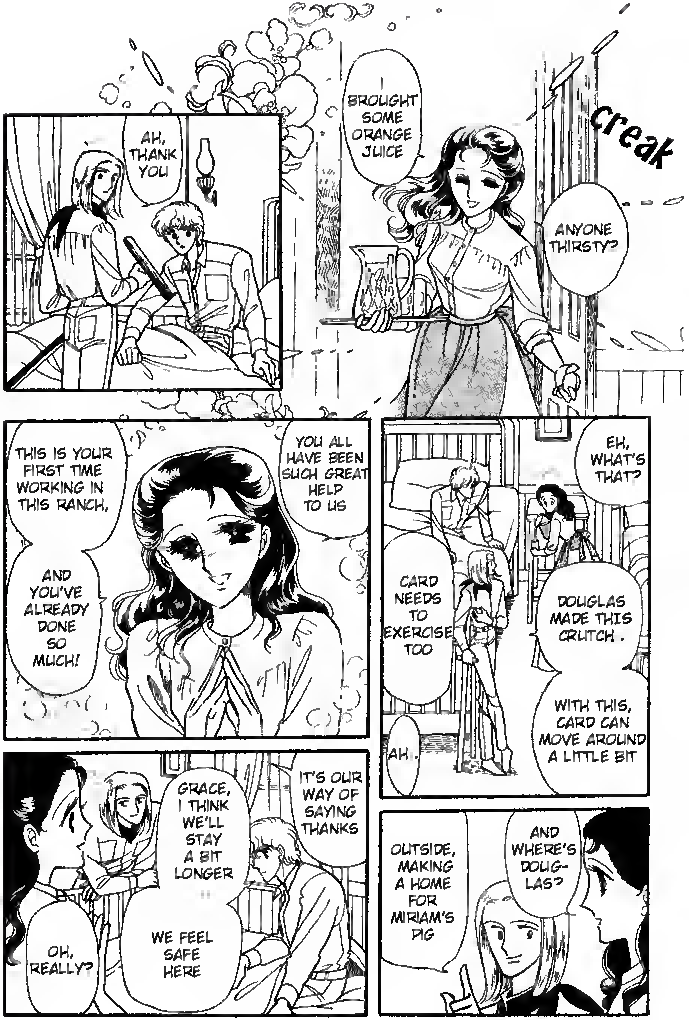

I HAVE A NEW DRESS
DAD. LOOK!
sniff
MIRI...
I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL SEND ME TO AN ORPHANAGE
I GUESS IT'S ALRIGHT. AS FOR ME, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER OR NOT I HAVE PARENTS
EH?
THE JUDGE WILL COME TOMORROW
LET'S GO HOME, MIRIAM
YOU'LL STAY AT MY PLACE UNTIL THE JUDGE GETS HERE
OH..

AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WEAR THAT DRESS ANYMORE
I CAN GIVE IT TO A YOUNGER GIRL AT THE ORPHAN-AGE
THANK YOU, YOU EVEN GAVE ME A NEW DRESS.
I'M SO HAPPY
YES, MIRIAM
creak
BUT, IN TIME, YOU'LL GROW UP
BUT WHEN YOU GET BIGGER, YOU'LL NEED A NEW DRESS
YES..
HOW ABOUT THIS ONE? ISN'T THE FABRIC BEAU-TIFUL?
YOU'LL BE 7 SOON
THEN YOU'LL BE 8,
THEN 9


YES
YOU'LL GROW UP TO BE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL..
10 YEARS OLD
12 YEARS OLD
14 YEARS OLD
WHO WILL WEAR BEAUTIFUL DRESSES
WOW
MADE BY ME


STAY HERE WITH ME, MIRIAM
OUR RANCH IS ABOUT 2,000 ACRES


WE OWN CATTLES, HORSES, AND CHICKENS.
THERE'S ALSO A SMALL FIELD
USE THE CATTLES AND HORSES TO HELP WITH THE CHORES
WE NEED TO FIX THE FENCE,
BUNDLE THE HAY
YEA, IT'S PRETTY BUSY AROUND HERE


AH, THANK YOU
I BROUGHT SOME ORANGE JUICE
creak
ANYONE THIRSTY?
THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME WORKING IN THIS RANCH,
AND YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH!
YOU ALL HAVE BEEN SUCH GREAT HELP TO US
EH, WHAT'S THAT?
CARD NEEDS TO EXERCISE TOO
DOUGLAS MADE THIS CRUTCH.
AH..
WITH THIS, CARD CAN MOVE AROUND A LITTLE BIT
GRACE, I THINK WE'LL STAY A BIT LONGER
IT'S OUR WAY OF SAYING THANKS
OH, REALLY?
WE FEEL SAFE HERE
OUTSIDE, MAKING A HOME FOR MIRIAM'S PIG
AND WHERE'S DOUG-LAS?

their faces turned tomato red

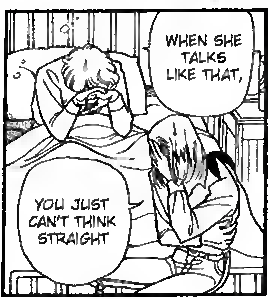
YOU ARE INDEED GOOD BOYS!
she honestly believes that

MAN..

slam

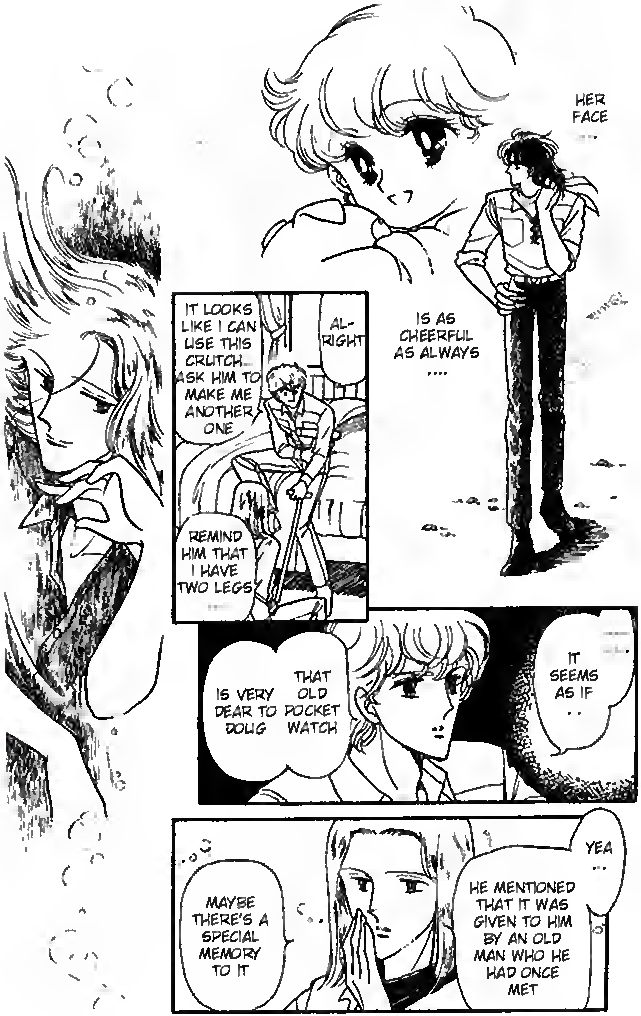
DON'T CALL HIM LITTLE PIG
IT'S WILLY!

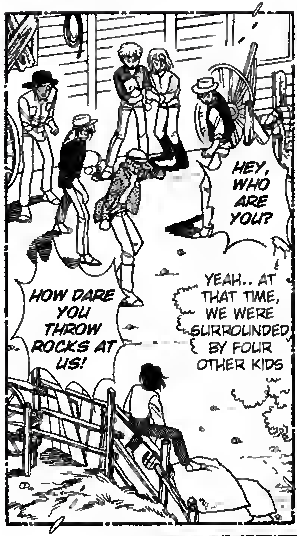
IT'S DONE, LITTLE PIG
DO YOU LIKE IT?


WHEN SHE TALKS LIKE THAT,
YOU JUST CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE PIG?
I THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS A LOT
LOOKS LIKE A DOG HOUSE
oink
YUP, IT'S DECIDED! FROM NOW ON, YOUR NAME IS WILLY, AND THIS IS YOUR HOME!

WHAT? DON'T YOU WANT TO GO IN?
C'MON
HE'S VERY OBEDIENT, SO WE QUICKLY BECAME GOOD FRIENDS
snort
SO, HE'S A HOME-LESS PIG
ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, WE FOUND WILLY WANDERING AROUND OUR RANCH..
THE NEIGHBORS SAID THAT HE'S NOT THEIRS
oink
BEFORE YOU FOUND YOUR WAY HERE, YOU WERE ALSO HOMELESS, RIGHT? CARD TOLD ME ABOUT IT..
A HOMELESS PIG? THEN HE'S JUST LIKE YOU, MIRIAM..
OKAY?
I'M LEAVING YOU HERE
NOW I KNOW WHY YOU ACT LIKE THIS
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
WILLY, YOUR NAME IS WILLY
WILLY
EH
oink


HER FACE ...
IS AS CHEERFUL AS ALWAYS ....
IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN USE THIS CRUTCH... ASK HIM TO MAKE ME ANOTHER ONE
AL-RIGHT
REMIND HIM THAT I HAVE TWO LEGS
IT SEEMS AS IF ..
THAT OLD POCKET WATCH IS VERY DEAR TO DOUG
YEA ...
HE MENTIONED THAT IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY AN OLD MAN WHO HE HAD ONCE MET
MAYBE THERE'S A SPECIAL MEMORY TO IT


HEY, WHO ARE YOU?
HOW DARE YOU THROW ROCKS AT US!
YEAH.. AT THAT TIME, WE WERE SURROUNDED BY FOUR OTHER KIDS

YOU ALL MUST BE LOSERS
WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT..
BECAUSE WHEN WE FIRST MET HIM, HE ALREADY HAD THAT WATCH
TRYING TO STEAL FROM WEAKER KIDS

GET HIM!

POK
KYA

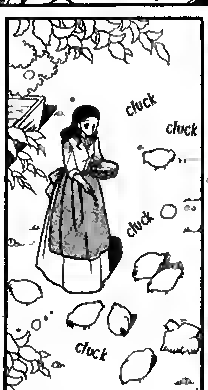
FWAK

BANG
AH..
AH..
whish
WHUMP
THWUK
Y YOU ...
BANG BANG BANG
UM.
WAIT..
HEY!
CLICK
AH..
AH
HEH

MY NAME'S DOUGLAS

DID WE GATHER ALL THE HORSES?
neigh
OKAY
YEAH...

sigh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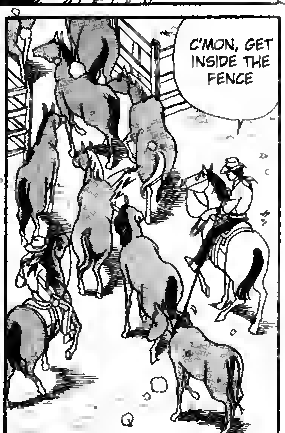
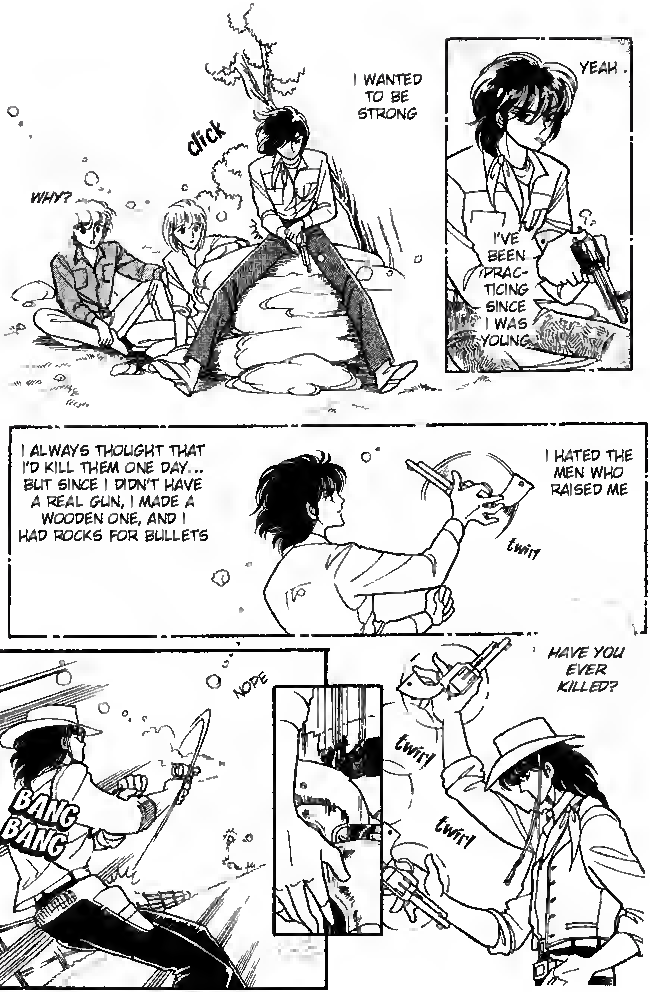

C'MON, GET INSIDE THE FENCE

I'LL PUT THE FIREWOOD HERE
AH. THANK YOU
knock
creak
GRACE ...
YOU LOOK PALE
REALLY?
I'M OK
THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN
....
HOWDY
ANOTHER GLASS FOR THE BLONDE!
Kachina

OH...
HI
HOW DO YOU DO?
I'M JED, JED CROWN
YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW YOUR NAME?
BUT I JUST SAW YOUR SKILLS
NO..
ARE YOU THE SHERIFF?
I'M CURIOUS
slip
WANTE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS TOWN?
A COLD-BLOODED KILLER
I HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE SILVER KING.

RIP
RIP
RIP
HEY?
I DON'T LIKE THIS
I HAVE A FEELING THAT I CAN FIND A JOB HERE
OH? I THINK YOU'RE WORTH MUCH MORE
INTERESTING.. I LIKE YOU
THIS IS A BIT TOO MUCH
I'LL TELL MY BOSS ABOUT YOU
I CAN FIND YOU A JOB, SILVER KING
NO
NOT HIM..
I HEAR HIS NAME A LOT
HARN-BAG?

RIGHT ON TARGET
HM?
CLINK
CLINK
BUT I STILL MISS A LOT WHEN I SHOOT WITH MY LEFT HAND
HEY DOUG-LAS
DO YOU ALWAYS PRACTICE SHOOTING?
YOU CAN REALLY AIM, DOUG!


I WANTED TO BE STRONG
click
WHY?
YEAH.
I'VE BEEN PRACTICING SINCE I WAS YOUNG
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I'D KILL THEM ONE DAY... BUT SINCE I DIDN'T HAVE A REAL GUN, I MADE A WOODEN ONE, AND I HAD ROCKS FOR BULLETS
I HATED THE MEN WHO RAISED ME
twirl
NOPE
BANG BANG
twirl
twirl
HAVE YOU EVER KILLED?

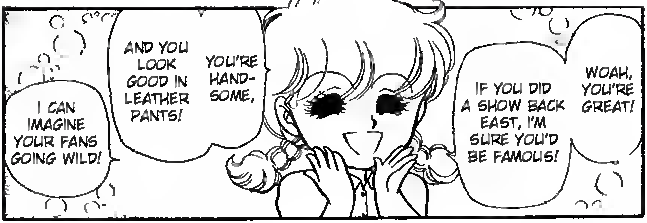
I HATE CORPSES
AH..
HM..
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A HERD OF CATTLE?
NO
I HAVE, ONCE...
WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
THERE WERE COWBOYS ON THEIR HORSES..
WHEN I FIRST SAW IT, I WONDERED, HOW MANY CATTLES ARE THERE?
THAT NIGHT, I SNUCK OUT TO PRACTICE SHOOTING, AS USUAL
THAT DAY, ANOTHER GROUP HAPPENED TO BE HEADED TOWARDS THE SAME DIRECTION
IT WAS A BAND OF HORSE THIEVES AND ME

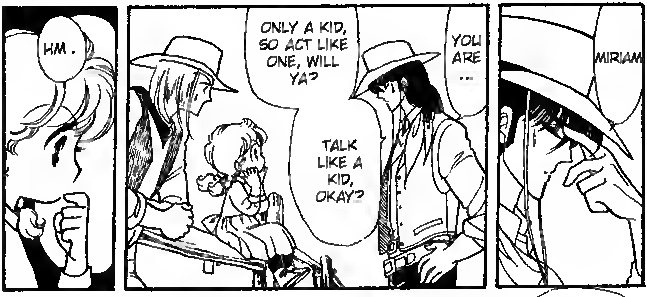
WHILE OUR GROUP WAS RESTING,
THOSE COWBOYS CAME
BE QUIET! YOU THIEVES!
YOU WERE FOLLOWING US!
WE CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!
YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE, WE WERE ONLY ...
reach
UH.. BUT ...
DID YOU FORGET?! I TOLD YOU NEVER TO SHOW YOUR UGLY FACES AROUND US AGAIN. UNLESS YOU WANTED TO DIE!
BANG
BANG
BANG
DON'T!
AAAAH!
SHOOT HIM!
BANG
UGH..

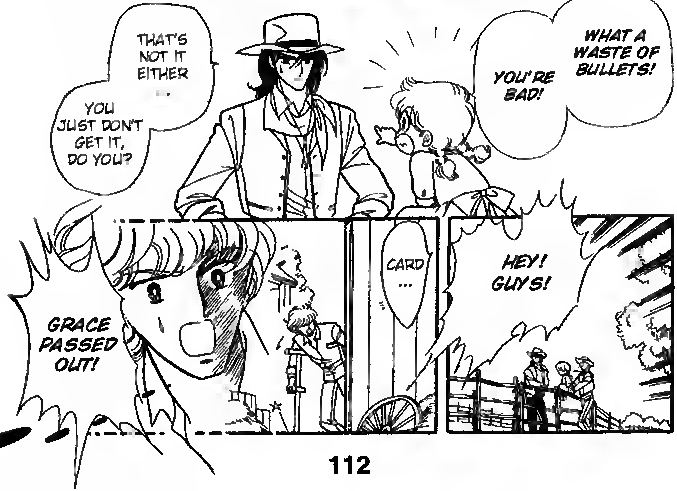
HEY, WASN'T THERE A LITTLE BOY WITH THEM?
HUH
Pitch
TAKE THAT!
shivers
WE'LL BURY THEM TOMOR-ROW
NEVERMIND, LET'S HEAD BACK!
REALLY?
UGH
THAT'S HORRIBLE
BRAAWH!

UGH
HEH...
IF IT'S A SMALL AMOUNT, THEY WON'T KNOW
ching
AND I'LL TAKE SOME MONEY TOO
IT'S BETTER THAT I DON'T LEAVE ANY SIGNS OF MY BEING HERE
A NECESSITY
BULLETS
BYE
THEY'LL BURY YOU GUYS TOMORROW

WELL, I'M STILL ALIVE
KIDS LIKE YOU COULD NEVER MAKE IT ON THEIR OWN
BANG
BANG
shift
AND I'M FREE
clap clap clap


I CAN IMAGINE YOUR FANS GOING WILD!
AND YOU LOOK GOOD IN LEATHER PANTS!
YOU'RE HANDSOME,
IF YOU DID A SHOW BACK EAST, I'M SURE YOU'D BE FAMOUS!
WOAH, YOU'RE GREAT!


HM.
ONLY A KID, SO ACT LIKE ONE, WILL YA?
TALK LIKE A KID, OKAY?
YOU ARE ...
MIRIAM


THAT'S NOT IT EITHER ..
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
YOU'RE BAD!
WHAT A WASTE OF BULLETS!
GRACE PASSED OUT!
CARD ...
HEY! GUYS!

WHAT HAP-PENED?
SHE LOOKED PALE EARLIER
LET HER REST FOR NOW ...
GRACE
AH... I...
I'LL GET A DOCTOR FROM TOWN!
MIRI-AM
GRACE...

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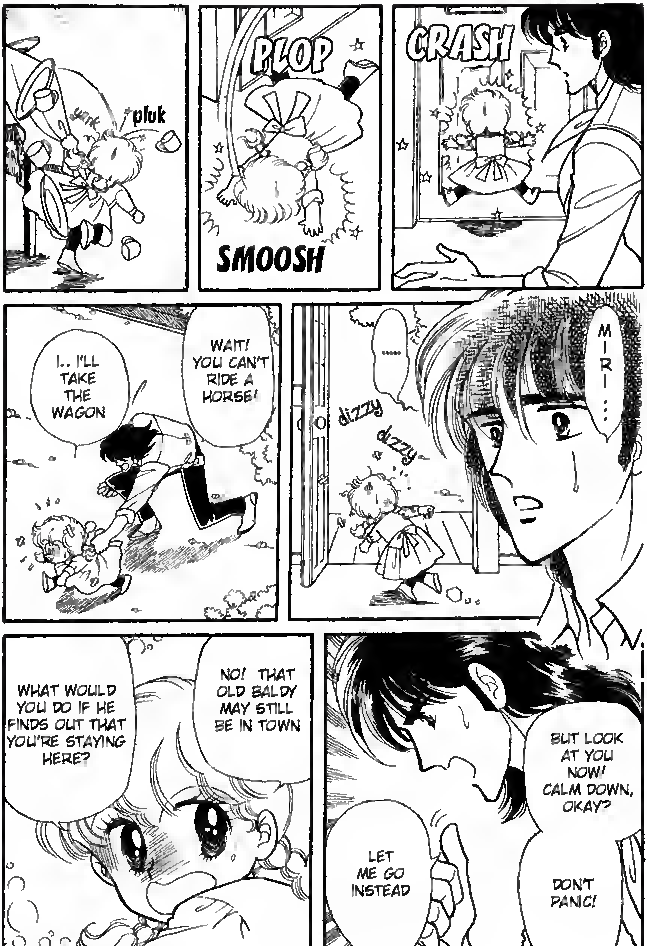
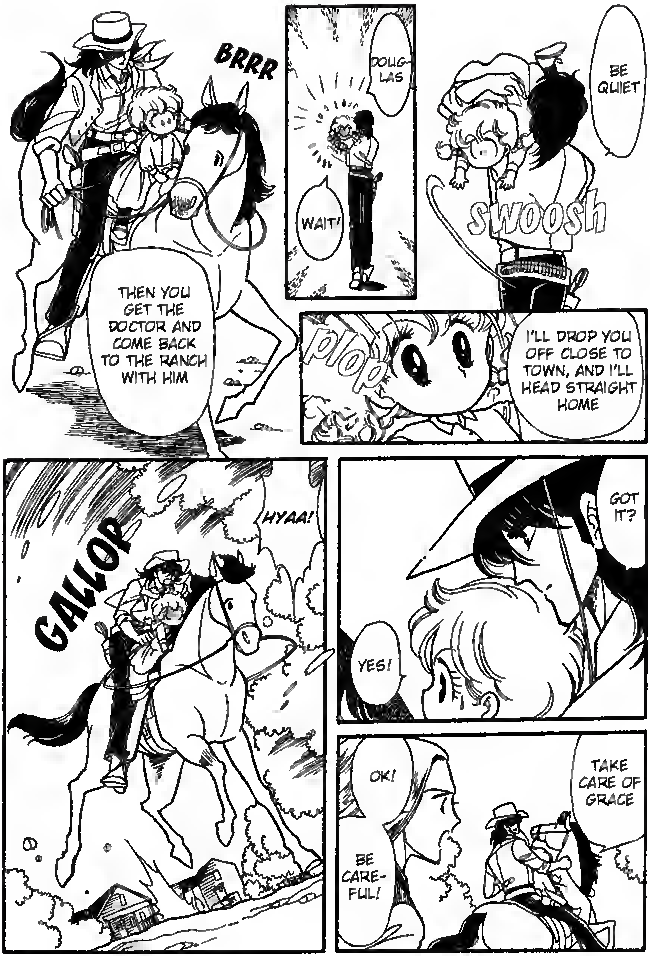

pluk
PLOP
SMOOSH
CRASH
I.. I'LL TAKE THE WAGON
WAIT! YOU CAN'T RIDE A HORSE!
.....
dizzy
dizzy
M I R I . . .
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF HE FINDS OUT THAT YOU'RE STAYING HERE?
NO! THAT OLD BALDY MAY STILL BE IN TOWN
LET ME GO INSTEAD
DON'T PANIC!
BUT LOOK AT YOU NOW! CALM DOWN, OKAY?


BRRR
THEN YOU GET THE DOCTOR AND COME BACK TO THE RANCH WITH HIM
DOUG-LAS
WAIT!
BE QUIET
swoosh
PLOP
I'LL DROP YOU OFF CLOSE TO TOWN, AND I'LL HEAD STRAIGHT HOME
GALLOP
HYAA!
GOT IT?
YES!
OK!
BE CARE-FUL!
TAKE CARE OF GRACE

WILL YOU BE ALRIGHT?
GRACE
GRACE
tap tap tap
clip
.....
clop
clip
BUT, I REMEMBERED MY OLD POCKET WATCH
swish
I MIGHT AS WELL PICK IT UP
THE PLAN WAS TO GO STRAIGHT HOME ...
tap tap tap
I'M WORRIED ABOUT GRACE
I BETTER HEAD HOME NOW
I'M GLAD THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO FIX IT..
THIS WATCH FROM THAT OLD MAN ...

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
HEY YOU!!
BUMP
I'M ALMOST OUT OF TOWN
I SHOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT BEING SEEN BY OLD BALDY..
LOOTS
REACH
WHUMP

NAH, I DIDN'T SEE HIM
THE BLACK HAIRED KID?
I SAW HIM!
HE'S HERE,
HEY... YOU! GUYS, COME OUT HERE!
THUMP
I'M SURE HE'S AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE!
FIND HIM!
HE BUMPED INTO ME,
THEN HE RAN AWAY!
YOU'RE SAFE HERE
sylam
I DON'T WANT TO SEE PEOPLE GETTING KILLED
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU AVOIDED HIM

WHY ARE YOU LETTING ME HIDE IN THE CHURCH, REVEREND?
SHOULD I NOT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, BUT..
YOUNG MAN.
ah hem
WHEN YOU'RE IN A CHURCH, PLEASE TAKE YOUR HAT OFF
AH...
SORRY...
I.. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME INSIDE A CHURCH
...
YOU'RE WORKING IN GRACE HOWARD'S RANCH, AREN'T YOU?
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
I SAW YOU PASS BY, ONCE
YOU'RE REALLY HANDSOME
hehe
AND YOU HAVE A NICE BUILD

I KNOW ABOUT THAT INCIDENT WITH MURPHY
DON'T WORRY, I WON'T TELL ANYONE
HUH?
UM, THANKS.
HUH?!
HE'S NOT HERE!
LET'S TRY IN THERE!
MURPHY?
OH, THAT OLD BALDY
WOAH
CALM DOWN, IF THEY COME IN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM
duck
ARE ALL REVERENDS LIKE THAT?
HOW DOES HE KNOW ALL THAT'S GOING ON?
HMM?
REV-ER-END!
WHY ARE YOU HIDING BEHIND THE BENCHES?

YOU HAVE GREEN EYES?
.....
touch
IT'S DOUG-AS
YOUR NAME?
HMM.. YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BODY
touch
VERY GOOD. IT COMPLI-MENTS YOUR BLACK HAIR PERFECTLY..
IF YOU TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOUR HAIR, I'M SURE YOU'LL LOOK STUNNING
Stroke
YOU'RE A VERY HANDSOME YOUNG MAN
?!

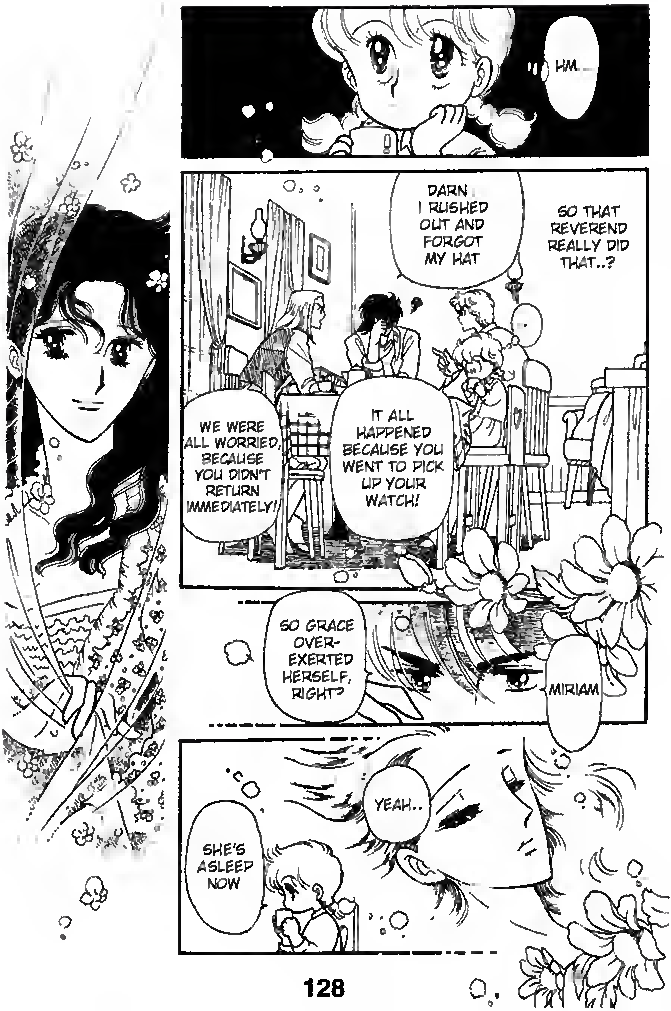
PLEASE, STAY AWAY FROM ME!
EXCUSE ME, REVEREND?
IT'S JUST UH.
N... NO, IT'S NOT THAT..
OH, BUT WHY?
DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
REVEREND, MAYBE IT'S BETTER IF YOU GO INSIDE,
WHAT'S GOING ON? I DON'T GET IT!
THAT WAY, YOU WON'T GET INVOLVED
WHAT?
UM... WHY ARE YOU STILL HOLDING ON TO ME?
IT'S TO SHOW THAT I CARE FOR YOU
grab
GOSH..

IT'S SAFE INSIDE! LET'S GO!
AH THAT'S RIGHT!
YANK
NO! I...
GO... INSIDE?
THIS REVEREND IS REALLY STRANGE!
BAM
I BETTER STAY HERE!
BETTER STAY HERE!
OLD BALDY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
INSPECT EVERY INCH OF THIS PLACE!
MAYBE HE'S HIDING INSIDE THE CHURCH!

AT ANY RATE, I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO DESECRATE THIS CHURCH
PLEASE LEAVE NOW!
I'M LOOKING FOR A YOUNG MAN..
WITH BLACK HAIR, GREEN EYES..
APPROXIMATELY SIX FEET TALL
Step
THERE'S NO ONE WITH THAT DESCRIPTION, HERE
UGH, THIS IS BAD!
IF OLD BALDY GETS MAD, THEN THE REVEREND'S IN DANGER!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?!
W... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
EVEN IF YOU ARE HIS GOOD FRIEND...
IF HE LEARNS THAT YOU HAVE INSULTED THIS CHURCH,
HE WON'T FORGIVE YOU
MISTER HARNBAG IS A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH
grab
I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU WILL NEVER SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT AGAIN
click
THIS IS DANGEROUS!

creak
W...
WHAT?
THAT'S RIGHT, MURPHY!
SHERIFF!
I'M HERE TO SEE WHAT ALL THE COMMOTION'S ABOUT
COME ON, GET OUT!
IF YOU INSULT THE REVEREND AGAIN, AS THE SHERIFF OF THIS TOWN, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
YOU GOT THAT?!
IT'S SAFE NOW, REVEREND
THEY WON'T TRY ANYTHING STUPID AGAIN
MISTER HARNBAG WON'T BE HAPPY IF HE HEARS OF THIS
THANK YOU
I KNEW THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOU

OF COURSE...
I'M...
SEE YA!
DOUG-LAS?
IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT NOW!
THE SHERIFF MADE THEM LEAVE
blam
GOOD
DOUG-LAS
I'M SAVED, THANKS TO YOU!
THANKS, REVER-END!
HE GAVE ME THE CREEPS,
I TOLD YOU,
HE WAS ACTING WEIRD
AND THEN YOU LEFT?
IS THAT ALL?


HM...
SO THAT REVEREND REALLY DID THAT..?
DARN I RUSHED OUT AND FORGOT MY HAT
IT ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU WENT TO PICK UP YOUR WATCH!
WE WERE ALL WORRIED, BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T RETURN IMMEDIATELY!
MIRIAM
SO GRACE OVER-EXERTED HERSELF, RIGHT?
YEAH..
SHE'S ASLEEP NOW

ALL OF OUR CATTLEMEN SUDDENLY QUIT, AND WE COULDN'T FIND ANY REPLACEMENTS.
I TRIED TO HELP, BUT SINCE I'M SMALL, I CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH
GRACE MUST BE TIRED. BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY

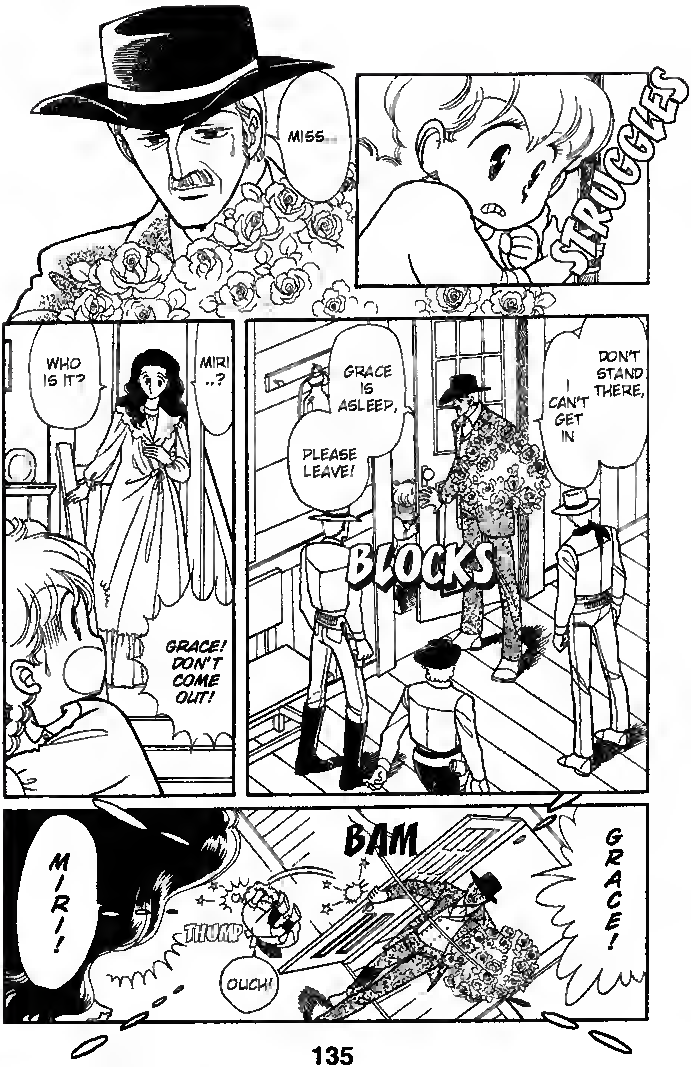
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SAD?
YOU STOPPED THE SEARCH?!
I'VE LOOKED FOR THEM ALL OVER!
Harnbag's Residence
WHAT?!
HAVE SOME DRINKS, ANYTHING YOU LIKE
YOU MAY STAY HERE AND RELAX
I HAVE TO STEP OUT FOR A WHILE,
SAD
HEY, IS MY BOUQUET READY?
YES, SIR
Fuse
YOU SHOULD STOP IT
IT'S POINTLESS GOING AFTER THEM.
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY

THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD
I'M SURE THAT THEY'RE SOMEWHERE IN THIS TOWN!
FINE THEN! I'LL FIND THEM MYSELF!
IF YOU PLAN ON LIVING ANY LONGER
YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT THEM
WHAT ..?
OH YES, I HEARD SHE FAINTED
I'M GOING TO VISIT A PRETTY LADY
WELL.. AREN'T WE LOOKING NICE TODAY?
JED
WHO IS HE..?

A WOMAN WHO'S LIVING ALONE
I'M GOING TO MAKE HER REALIZE THAT..
SHE PROBABLY FAINTED FROM WORKING TOO HARD
ALL OF HER CATTLEMEN QUIT, AND SHE HAS NO REPLACEMENTS YET
GRACE HOWARD
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS CHANCE
IT'S NOT EASY TO BE BY HERSELF
HM..
GRACE..?
YOU... YOU FOUGHT WITH ME BEFORE!
AH!!
ENOUGH, BRYAN! THEY'RE MY GUESTS!

HOW DO YOU DO? I'M JED
THIS IS BRYAN MURPHY, AN OLD BUSINESS PARTNER
.....
SO THAT'S HIM, JED?
OKAY, THAT'S GOOD
YEP.. HE'S A SHARP SHOOTER, WE CAN DEFINITELY USE HIM
I'LL REST HERE,
ALRIGHT, YOU CAN GO AHEAD,
THANKS
GOOD LUCK!
SAD IS SAD.. I KNOW HIM BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.. HE'S DEFINITELY NO NICE GUY OR A BIBLE THUMPER.. SOMETHING'S GOING ON..
WHO IS THIS MAN TO SAD?
WH.. WHAT'S THIS?

CLIP CLOP
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHAT IS IT, JOEL?
DOUG, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHAT'S THE RUSH?
YOU DIDN'T SEE IT?
HARNBAG AND THREE OF HIS MEN...
HARNBAG'S COMING?


MISS...
STRUGGLES
WHO IS IT?
MIRI ..?
GRACE! DON'T COME OUT!
GRACE IS ASLEEP, PLEASE LEAVE!
DON'T STAND THERE, I CAN'T GET IN
BLOCKS
MIRI!
THUMP
OUCH!
BAM
GRACE!

OH, GRACE
I RUSHED HERE WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU HAD FAINTED...
I BROUGHT THESE FLOWERS FOR YOU... I HOPE THAT THEY'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER
shrush
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
OUCH
grab
OKAY, OKAY THANKS A LOT
THIS... BRAT
NOW PLEASE GO HOME
ALRIGHT, WE'VE ACCEPTED THE FLOWERS
plop
swoosh
AMAZING

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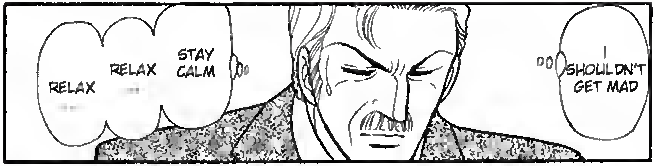
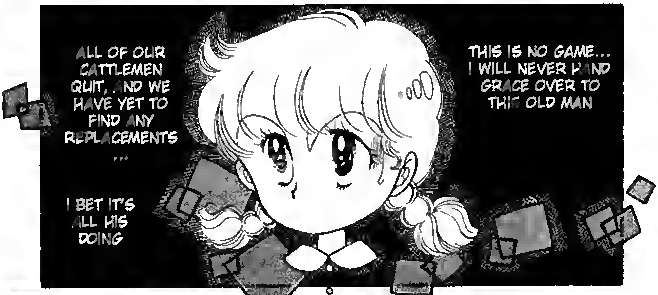
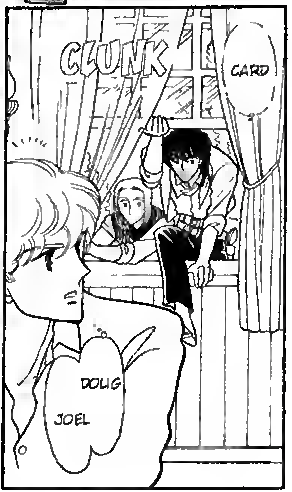



ALL OF OUR CATTLEMEN QUIT, . .ND WE HAVE YET TO FIND ANY REPLACEMENTS . . .
I BET IT'S ALL HIS DOING
THIS IS NO GAME... I WILL NEVER H'ND GRACE OVER TO THIS OLD MAN



AND HE WON'T LEAVE UNTIL GRACE GIVES IN
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, MIRIAM CAN'T HANDLE FOUR GROWN MEN
YEAH
YOU ARE INDEED GOOD BOYS
GRACE...
BUT MY ANSWER IS STILL NO.
TAP TAP
PLEASE UNDER-STAND! I CAME TO ASK YOU TO BE MY WIFE!
GRAB
YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW I FEEL
UH
PUSHED
GRACE!
TUG TUG
GRACE!

I DON'T LIKE WATCHING YOU GO THROUGH ALL THIS HARDSHIP
NO, I'M...
flour
YOU CAN'T MANAGE THIS ENTIRE RANCH BY YOURSELF, DON'T YOU SEE THAT?
POOF
OOPS, IT SLIPPED OUT OF MY HANDS
....
KICK THAT BRAT OUT!
GRR!

IT'S SO SHE WON'T DISTURB US!
AND LEAVE THE TWO OF US ALONE!!
STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET GO OF ME!! I HATE YOU!!
GOT-CHA!
POW
BUT I WILL MAKE YOU MINE!
I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU HATE ME OR NOT,
YOU BRAT
BUMP

POW
BOP
WHO'S ...
UGH
JOEL
shaaa

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?!
WE LIVE HERE
GET OUT!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR BARGING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S HOMES
DAMN IT!
THEY'RE ...
THEY ARE.
A BLACK HAIRED, A BRUNETTE, AND A BLONDE
HOW DARE YOU..
BE QUIET!

BOSS ...?
BOSS
ENOUGH! LET'S GO!
ALRIGHT ...
LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE
AND THEY RUSHED OFF SUDDENLY ...
HE LOOKED SURPRISED WHEN HE SAW DOUG
AH.
THANK YOU

BUT NOW THEY KNOW THAT YOU GUYS ARE STAYING HERE
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF OLD BALDY STOPS BY?
I STILL CAN'T MOVE VERY WELL
THEY WERE ACTING A BIT STRANGE, DON'T YOU THINK?
UM YEAH.. SO WHAT NOW?
...
YEAH
IN ANY CASE ...
WE CAN'T LEAVE NOW, OR THE SITUATION HERE WILL GET WORSE
YOU'RE BACK EARLY ...
WHAT'S WRONG, SAD?
WHAT?

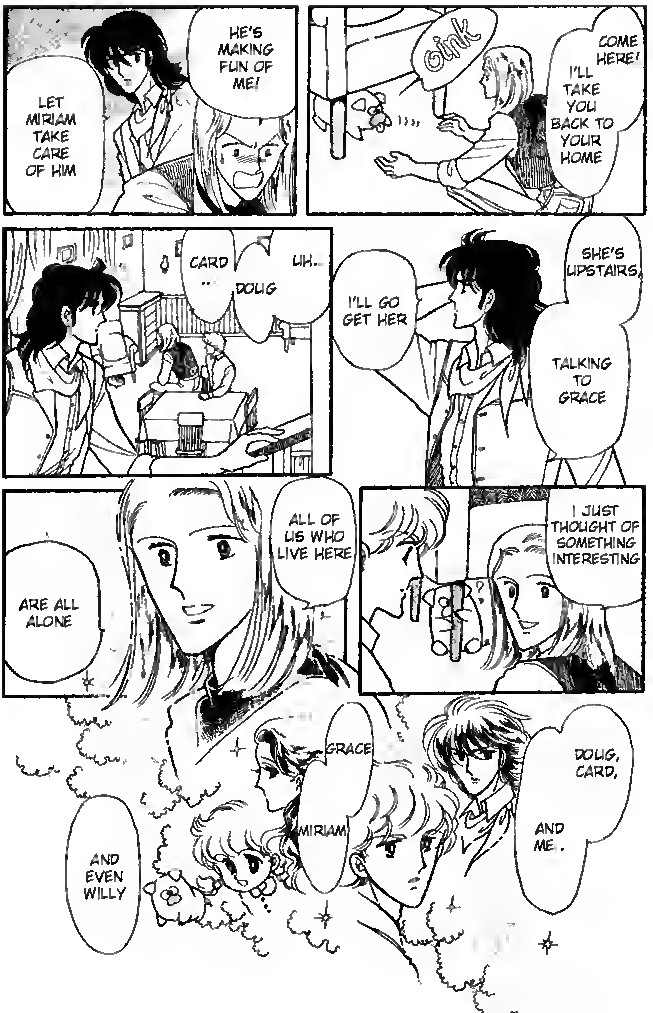
I DUN'T UNDER-STAND
EVERY-THING'S NOT RIGHT
I CAN'T DO NUTTIN'
BRYAN
EVERY-WUN'S IGNORIN' ME
BAM!
I'VE SUNK SO LOW...
DAMMIT... TELLIN' ME TA DRINK HERE BY MYSELF
SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE, NOTHING GOOD'S HAPPENED
I MET THOSE THREE
YA HEAR ME?
THIS IS YOUR FAULT, SAD!
THEY'RE STAYING IN GRACE HOWARD'S RANCH
DAMN! THAT WAS MY CHANCE TO GET THE GIRL...
AND THEY RUINED IT
THEY PLAYED ME FOR A FOOL
dizzy
drunk
WUT?

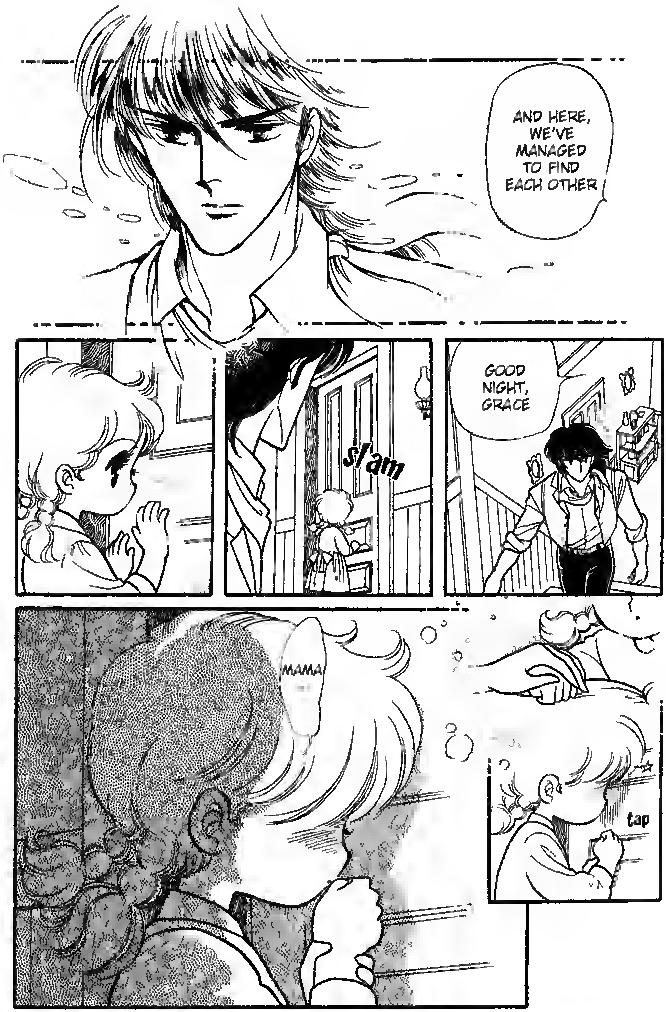
DON'T!
FINE, WE'LL BRING MINE 'LONG, LET'S GO!
OR DID YOU NOT HAVE ENOUGH MEN?
WUT? THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU KILL 'EM?
screech
IF..
IF YOU DO THAT
HE'LL GET MAD...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF HE DOES.
HE?
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AN-SWER HIM
MISTER HARNBAG
HEY, SAD!
.....
SAD!

HE DIDN'T TELL ME EVERYTHING
I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO MY REAL BOSS IS
BAM
POOR GUY, HE KNOWS NOTHING
YOU...
JED WON'T ANSWER MY QUESTION EITHER
HMM...
....
HEY! WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?! IGNORE THAT GUY! LET'S JUST GET THOSE THREE BOYS!
YOU'RE THE BIG HONCHO* HERE!
LET'S FINISH THEM OFF, SO THAT THEY CAN'T BOTHER US ANYMORE!
IDIOT! IT'S NOT THAT EASY!!
IF WE DID THAT, WE'D BE UP AGAINST MR. BOWER!

THE HEAD OF THIS WHOLE OPERATION...?
MISTER BOWER?
NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE
tweet
I HEARD THAT HE'S LIVED HERE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS
THAT'S RIGHT
HE KILLS ANYONE WHO'S SEEN HIM, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN
HE'S IN THIS TOWN?!
YES
WHAT A DAY...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, GRACE?
YES
I'M FINE MIRI, YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST TOO...

MIRIAM
WE'RE RIGHT HERE IF YOU NEED US, SO DON'T WORRY
GET WELL SOON, OKAY?
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING SO MUCH TROUBLE
THANK YOU ...
I LOVE YOU
OINK
SINCE WHEN IS WILLY ALLOWED IN THE HOUSE?
OH YEAH!
WOAH!
OINK


HE'S MAKING FUN OF ME!
LET MIRIAM TAKE CARE OF HIM
oink
COME HERE! I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR HOME
CARD .. DOUG
UH..
I'LL GO GET HER
SHE'S UPSTAIRS, TALKING TO GRACE
ALL OF US WHO LIVE HERE
ARE ALL ALONE
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING INTERESTING
GRACE
MIRIAM
AND EVEN WILLY
DOUG, CARD, AND ME.

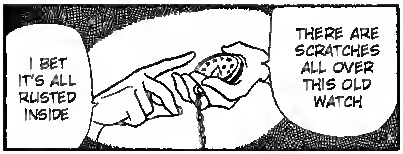

AND HERE, WE'VE MANAGED TO FIND EACH OTHER.
slam
GOOD NIGHT, GRACE
MAMA
tap

MAMA...
.....
blinks
PLOP.

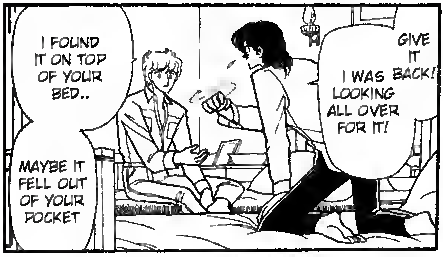
YOU'RE NOT BAD YOURSELF.. FACING HARNBAG ALONE
YEAH ...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
YOU GUYS ARE PRETTY GOOD
SHE SAID MAMA...
I MUST PROTECT HER
GRACE = A BIT
IF I LET HER OUT, SHE'LL GET HERSELF IN DANGER
THAT PRECIOUS LITTLE GIRL..

ALL WHILE WE HID DEBATING ON WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD COME OUT
SHE'S AMAZING.. AND ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD
THANK YOU SO MUCH, SHE SAID
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY SHE CALLED GRACE MAMA
YEAH
THINK ABOUT IT.. SHE'S ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD
BUT ...
slam
YOU MAY SLEEP IN MY BED TONIGHT
oink
creak
C'MON IN, WILLY!

WILLY ...
oink
oink
I DON'T THINK THAT HARNBAG'S GIVING UP THIS EASILY,
RIGHT?
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING
boing boing
oink
UH,
WILLY
WILLY! LET'S PLAY JUMPING JET ON MY BED!
WILLY!
oink
!....


I BET IT'S ALL RUSTED INSIDE
THERE ARE SCRATCHES ALL OVER THIS OLD WATCH

AH!
IT'S NOT MADE OUT OF GOLD OR DIAMONDS
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE SO ATTACHED TO IT..


I FOUND IT ON TOP OF YOUR BED..
MAYBE IT FELL OUT OF YOUR POCKET
GIVE IT
I WAS BACK! LOOKING ALL OVER FOR IT!

I KNOW THAT IT'S AN UGLY OLD POCKET WATCH
HMM I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT MYSELF EITHER..

LOVE GRACE VERY MUCH!

THE TRUTH IS, I DIDN'T WANT THAT WATCH
BUT THAT OLD MAN
HE INSISTED
shaaa
IT WAS LATE AFTERNOON, AND THE RAIN WAS POURING DOWN
I FOUND SOMEONE TAKING SHELTER IN THE CABIN
A BEARDED OLD MAN
shaaaa
AH
YOU NEED SHELTER FROM THE RAIN TOO?

shaaa
THIS CABIN DIDN'T HAVE ANY INHABITANTS
YOU MAY REST HERE TOO
YOU'RE SOAKING WET, SON
SLAM
COME HERE
hoho
pfff
shaaa
whoosh
.....
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME CANNED FOOD?
I'M AN OLD MAN... I CAN'T MOVE TOO MUCH, SON
shuffle
AN OLD MAN, HOW MUCH MONEY DOES HE HAVE?
HERE'S MY CHANCE!
YEAH..

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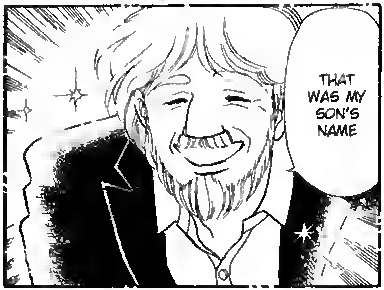
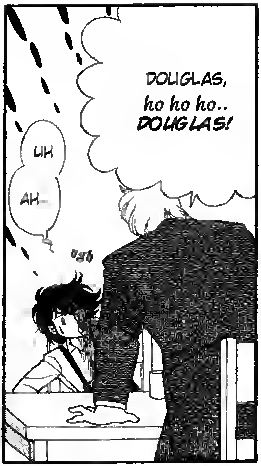
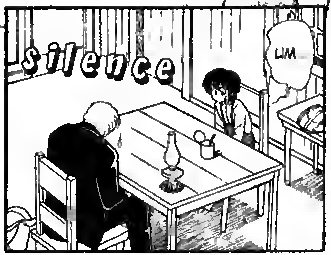
I'M ACTUALLY A MAGICIAN
MY JOB?
DON'T LIE TO ME, OLD MAN! JUST BECAUSE I'M A KID, IT DOESN'T MEAN...
HUH?
I'M NOT LYING!
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT BLACK MAGIC EITHER,
I CAN FIND GROUNDWATER BY USING A DOWSING ROD! I CAN LOCATE A GOOD PLACE TO DIG A WELL
Shadaa
OH! I GOT IT!
YOU'RE A SWINDLER, AND YOU TRICK PEOPLE INTO BELIEVING THAT YOU CAN FIND WATER FOR A WELL!
HEY. HEY!
I'M NO SWINDLER!
I GOT 200 DOLLARS FOR FINDING WATER FOR A WELL, LAST TIME!
ALRIGHT, NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ASK THE QUESTIONS
TWO.. TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SON?
WOW.. THAT'S A LOT!
DOUGLAS?!
WOAH
Startled
UM, ABOUT THE MONEY..
UH..? AH, IT'S DOUGLAS

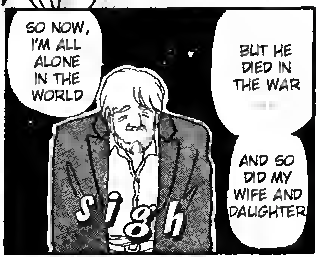

THAT WAS MY SON'S NAME


DOUGLAS, ho ho ho.. DOUGLAS!
UH
AH

falls over
OH.. WAS THAT ALL?

HE WAS VERY OBEDIENT AND WAS A HARD WORKER
HE WAS A GOOD BOY
THIS OLD MAN'S UNPREDICTABLE


silence
UM


SO NOW, I'M ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD
BUT HE DIED IN THE WAR
AND SO DID MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER!
sigh

I'M ALONE
I DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS
CLANG
Gulp
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?
WHY ARE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF?
BUT NOW, HE'S LECTURING ME
DAMN IT! I WAS PLANNING TO STEAL FROM HIM ...
YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A HARDWORKING BOY
BUT... YOU DON'T LIVE OFF OF STEALING FROM OTHERS, DO YOU?
WHAT!?
BUT ...
I'M SO HAPPY ...
TO HAVE SUCH A CUTE COMPANION LIKE YOU TO TALK TO!
HE'S GOT ME ALL WRONG
rustle
HO HO ... SO YOU WANDER ALONE ... IT MUST BE HARD FOR YOU
YOU'RE A GREAT BOY!
ALRIGHT, I'LL STAY HERE TONIGHT
BUT WHEN THIS OLD MAN FALLS ASLEEP, I'LL TAKE HIS BAG AND MONEY

THAT OLD MAN SHOWED NO SIGN OF BEING TIRED.
HE CONTINUED TALKING, TELLING ME STORIES.
ABOUT HIS MARRIAGE,
OF WHERE HE WAS BORN AND RAISED,
THEN ABOUT THE BIRTH OF HIS CHILDREN... THEN ABOUT THEIR LIFE AS A FAMILY..
I HATE OLD MEN. THEY CAN TALK NON-STOP
boring...
chirp chirp
AND THE OLD MAN MANAGED TO WAKE UP FIRST.
ENDED UP FALLING ASLEEP FIRST.
I HATE OLD MEN, THEY ALWAYS GET UP EARLY
DAMN IT!
AH... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!
AND NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY!

DOUGLAS,
I'VE DECIDED
EH? WHAT?
DID HE COVER ME WITH A BLANKET LAST NIGHT?
.....
MAYBE I SHOULD POINT MY GUN AT HIM
Creak
HE'S ONLY AN OLD MAN..
HRMF
shoves
WHY... WHY DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
WE SHOULD START TRAVELING TOGETHER
EH?

IT'S SO GOOD TO HAVE A TRAVELING COMPANION
IT'S AS IF YOU'RE MY GRANDSON!
I GUESS IT'S ALRIGHT..
I'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AT THAT TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS... I'LL TAKE IT AND RUN AWAY
I'M NOT YOUR GRANDSON, I'M ONLY A PICK-POCKET WHO HAS HIS EYE ON YOUR MONEY POUCH
YOU'RE WRONG, OLD MAN
THE OLD MAN TOOK AN OLD WATCH OUT OF HIS POCKET AND GAVE IT TO ME .
LATER ON, AFTER LUNCH,
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DRINK SOME GOOD WINE

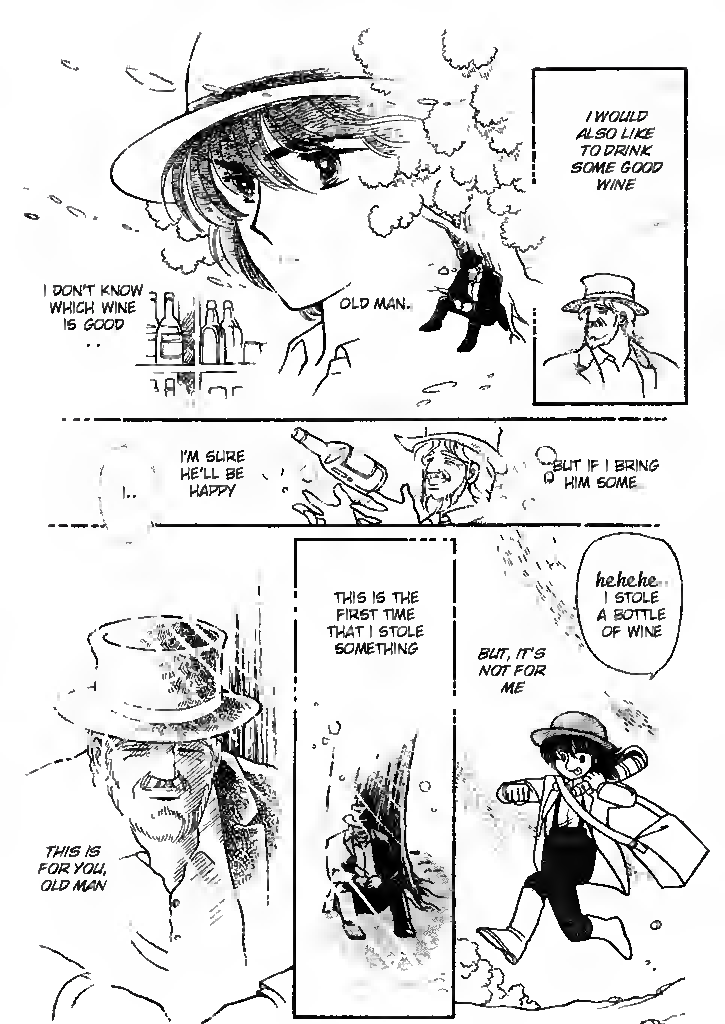
THERE'S A LITTLE LEFT..
THAT'S WHY I'M ONLY DRINKING BEER.. TO SAVE UP!
I'M WANDERING AROUND TO FIND SOME GOOD LAND
WATER'S NOT FREE HERE
YOU HAVE THE MONEY, DON'T YOU?
THEN GO BUY SOME,
HUH?
I ALREADY SPENT MOST OF IT
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO
ho ho ho
DON'T WORRY, I CAN STILL AFFORD THIS ROOM FOR TONIGHT..
AH, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SLEPT SIDE BY SIDE WITH ANYONE
TRAVELING BY MYSELF IS REALLY LONELY
BESIDES.. I CAN'T STEAL FROM A POOR OLD MAN
SO WHY AM I STILL WITH HIM?
WHAT?! HE DOESN'T HAVE TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ANYMORE?!

YOU'RE FREE TO DO ANYTHING!
YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WHEN YOU'RE ALONE
NOT REALLY ....
YEAH..
I'LL LEAVE THIS OLD MAN AT DAWN
chirp chirp chirp
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
DOUG-LAS

OH..
UM WELL..
AH.. OLD MAN
DAMN..
YOU YOU'RE AWAKE?
I COULDN'T SLEEP ANY MORE
SO I WAS GOING TO TAKE A WALK
IS THAT SO?
ha ha
I HAD A FEELING THAT YOU WERE GOING TO LEAVE ME WHILE I SLEPT
I..
I'D BE LONELY IF YOU'RE GONE
SO I COULDN'T SLEEP EITHER

WHY DID I MEET THIS OLD MAN..?
DAMN IT...
HE MADE ME KEEP THIS UGLY WATCH
EH?
THE WATCH IS DEAD..?
WE'RE RESTING AGAIN?
BUT WE RESTED JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO
PLEASE DON'T BE MAD
I'M OLD, SO I GET TIRED EASILY
FINALLY, WE FOUND A GENERAL STORE... I WENT INSIDE TO BUY SOME FOOD AND SUPPLIES
I'M ONLY WASTING MY TIME
IT'S ONLY BEEN THREE DAYS.. SINCE I MET THAT OLD MAN
I'LL GO

I DON'T NEED A BROKEN WATCH
THAT WATCH IS DEAD
HERE
OH, YEAH! OLD MAN, TAKE THIS BACK
clink
tap tap tap
IT'S ALRIGHT. IF WE SHAKE IT A BIT, IT'LL COME BACK TO LIFE!
MAYBE IT'S A LITTLE RUSTY
stomp stomp
MA'AM DO YOU HAVE ANY WINE?
COFFEE, BREAD, JERKY
I ALREADY TOLD HIM THAT I DIDN'T NEED IT
BAH! WHAT A BORING OLD MAN
TWO PLEASE
SURE, HOW MANY WILL THAT BE?
WINE?

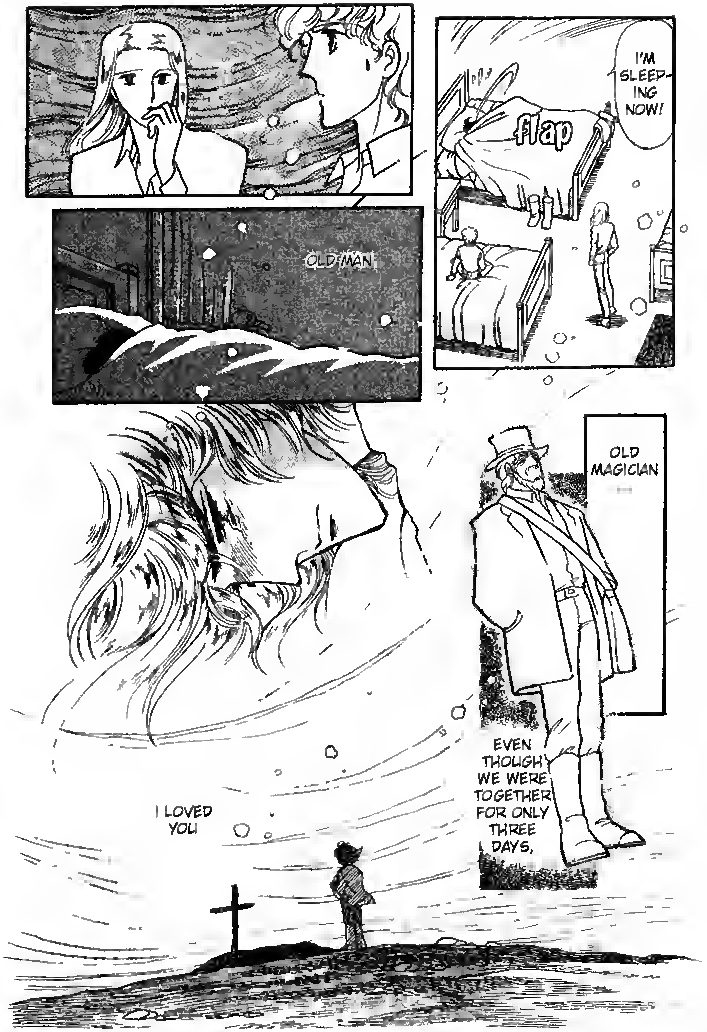

I DON'T KNOW WHICH WINE IS GOOD ..
OLD MAN.
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DRINK SOME GOOD WINE
I..
I'M SURE HE'LL BE HAPPY
BUT IF I BRING HIM SOME
THIS IS FOR YOU, OLD MAN
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I STOLE SOMETHING
BUT, IT'S NOT FOR ME
hehehe.. I STOLE A BOTTLE OF WINE

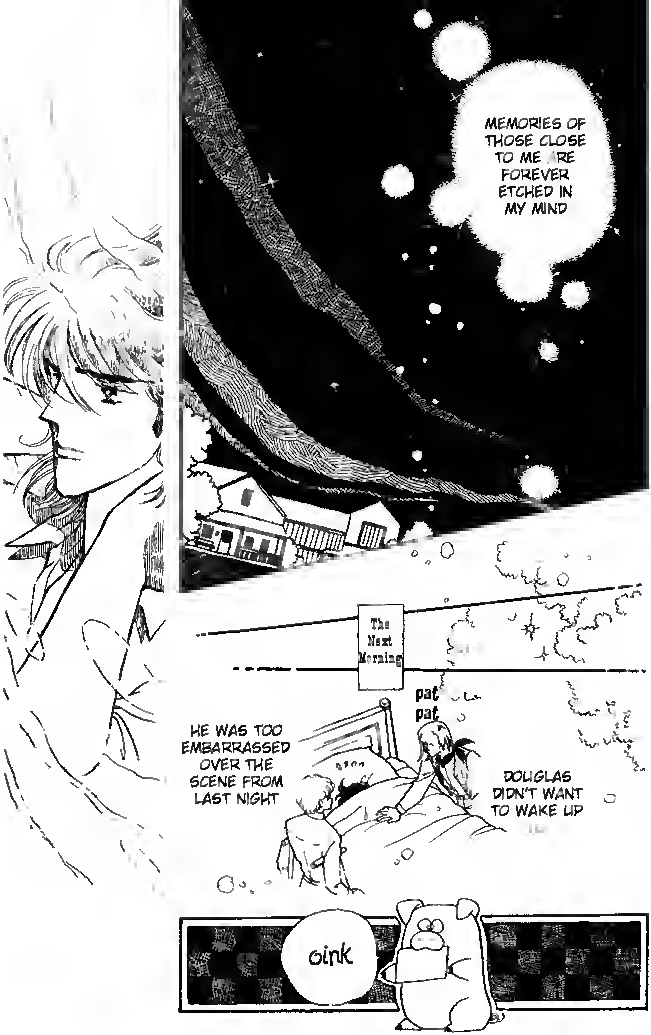
HEY
OLD MAN ?
HEY, OLD MAN!
LOOK!
shake shake
OLD MAN! GUESS WHAT?!
I THOUGHT THAT HE'D BE HAPPY
OLD MAN!
I BROUGHT YOU THE WINE THAT YOU'VE BEEN WANTING!
NO..
YOU'RE . YOU'RE DEAD..?

NOT A SINGLE WORD CAME OUT OF HIM
BUT, HE COULDN'T SEE THE BOTTLE OF WINE THAT I BROUGHT FOR HIM
BARELY... IT'S AS IF... HE'S SMILING
NOW WHAT..
SO.
THE WATCH IS TICKING!
tick
tick
tick tick tick tick

WOAH!
WOW... OLD MAN... IS THIS YOUR BEST MAGIC TRICK?
tick tick
tick
tick tick
SAY SOME-THING!
OLD MAN!
DAMN

YOU'RE CRUEL, OLD MAN!
DOUG?
shakes
AH, I-


I'M SLEEPING NOW!
flap
OLD MAN
OLD MAGICIAN
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TOGETHER FOR ONLY THREE DAYS,
I LOVED YOU


MEMORIES OF THOSE CLOSE TO ME ARE FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MIND
The Next Morning
pat pat
HE WAS TOO EMBARRASSED OVER THE SCENE FROM LAST NIGHT
DOUGLAS DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE UP
oink

A MESSAGE FROM MIRIAM..
WILLY BROUGHT THIS
MIRIAM CAN WRITE!
DON'T WORRY"
"I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE,
SO MIRIAM SNUCK OUT?
ta daa!

THE TRUTH IS,
I'M IN ENEMY TERRITORY
THIS IS HARNBAG'S HOUSE
IF I WERE TO FOLLOW THIS ROAD,
GOOD
GRACE HOWARD'S RANCH, WHERE DOUGLAS AND HIS FRIENDS ARE STAYING
I'LL REACH

To be continued..